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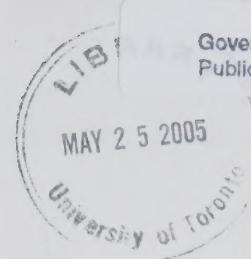




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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE**  
**AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, October 7, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*  
Elizabeth B. Kingston, Committee Clerk.  
*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 1

ursday, October 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Attendance: House of Commons:* Elizabeth B. Kingston, Committee Clerk. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

In motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That Don Boudria be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

In motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That Dale Johnston be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

In motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, — That Michel Guimond be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Don Boudria took the Chair.

In motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

Judi Longfield moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

In motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, — That the four whips be delegated the duty to act as the striking committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114, and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report signed by all four whips, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

Dominic LeBlanc moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a forum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

In motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding one representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Françoise Boivin moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “languages” the following: “and that the Chair of the Committee ensure that the terms of this motion be respected by witnesses”.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “languages” the following: “and that no document from a witness be distributed without the Clerk's approval”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

Dale Johnston moved, — That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That further consideration of this motion be postponed until the next meeting.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Bernard Shapiro be invited to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity with regard to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/08 2:00 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, October 14, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Yvon Godin  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marlene Catterall for Hon. Judi Longfield  
Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond  
Lloyd St. Amand for Fran ois Boivin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

## WITNESSES:

### *Office of the Ethics Commissioner:*

Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner;

Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Counsellor;

Diane Champagne-Paul, Director, Members of Parliament's Code.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Marlene Catterall for Hon. Judi Longfield, Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond and Lloyd St. Amand for Françoise Boivin.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Ethics Commissioner:* Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner; Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Counsellor; Diane Champagne-Paul, Director, Members of Parliament's Code.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) and the motion adopted Thursday, October 7, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on the Disclosure Statement under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons be established to review and make recommendations on the interpretation of the Disclosure Statement form for members of the House of Commons with the Office of the Ethics Commissioner;

That the Subcommittee consist of one representative from each party;

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1)(a), except the power to report directly to the House; and

That the Subcommittee meet *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pauline Picard moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 115(4), the Committee adopt the schedule for priority use of committee rooms agreed to by the whips.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the House of Commons be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004, to review proposed changes to the Standing Orders.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chief Electoral Officer be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, October 26, 2004, in relation to his report on the 38th General Election.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given ten minutes for their opening statement.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/15 12:21 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria,Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2004**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ting No. 3

day, October 19, 2004

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Hon. John Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Missing Members present:* Gary Carr for Hon. Judi Longfield and Jay Hill for John Reynolds.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

as agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

as agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

as agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

as agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

as agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

as agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

as agreed, — That the Chair write to the Board of Internal Economy concerning the allocation of committee rooms and the broadcasting of committee proceedings.

as agreed, — That the Chair write the Minister responsible for Democratic Reform concerning the status of the Action Plan for Democratic Reform .

12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc

Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/20 4:52 p.m.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

#### Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 21, 2004

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#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the readjustment of electoral boundaries

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

David Chatters for Bill Casey.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
William Corbett, Clerk;  
Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;  
Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

William Corbett made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* David Chatters for Bill Casey.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) and the Order of Reference of October 5, 2004, the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

William Corbett made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the readjustment of electoral boundaries.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the 16th Report of this Committee in the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament concerning the electoral boundaries readjustment process be adopted as a report in this session;

That the Chair present the report to the House; and

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of one member from each recognized party and a Chair from the government party;

That Gary Carr be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee; and,

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1)(a), except the power to report directly to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the draft letter to the Board of Internal Economy concerning the allocation of committee rooms and the broadcasting of committee proceedings be approved.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on the Disclosure Statement under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons be empowered to make recommendations to the Committee on the contents of the Disclosure Statement for Members of the House of Commons, the Disclosure Statement for Spouse or Common-Law Partner and Child and the Disclosure Summary forms .

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 4:51 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 38th General Election held on June 28, 2004, referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dave Batters for John Reynolds,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Jay Hill for Dale Johnston,  
and Peter Julian for Yvon Godin.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stéphane Bergeron.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
Luc Dumont, Director of Operations;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate  
Services.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Dave Batters for John Reynolds, Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Karen Redman, Jay Hill for Dale Johnston and Peter Julian for Yvon Godin.

*Associate Members present:* Stéphane Bergeron.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Luc Dumont, Director of Operations; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 38th General Election held on June 28, 2004, referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the remainder of the statement by Jean-Pierre Kingsley be taken as read and published in today's *Evidence*.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/26 5:20 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, October 28, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 25 (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 20

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey

Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Monique Guay for Pauline Picard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Monique Guay for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Vote 25 (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT and Vote 25 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the draft letter to the Minister responsible for Democratic Reform concerning the review of An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (2004, c. 24), be approved.

On motion of Françoise Boivin, it was agreed, — That the draft letter to the Minister responsible for Democratic Reform concerning the Action Plan for Democratic Reform be approved.

At 11:23 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That an *in camera* meeting be held on Thursday, November 4, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. to receive a briefing from the research staff respecting electoral reform.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/28 5:22 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Thursday, November 4, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on electoral reform

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 7

ursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Monston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

eting Members present: Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee host a working lunch with the High Commissioner of New Zealand to discuss the process of electoral reform in that country.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 11:08 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on electoral reform.

The research staff made statements and answered questions.

In motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

04/11/04 4:26 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Monday, November 15, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Benoît Sauvageau for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 15, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Benoît Sauvageau for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108, a Subcommittee be established to inquire into the matters of privilege raised in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, concurred in by the House on Monday, November 15, 2004;

That the Subcommittee be composed of Françoise Boivin, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Judi Longfield and John Reynolds;

That Judi Longfield be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee;

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1) except the power to report to the House; and

That the Subcommittee present its report to the Committee not later than Thursday, November 18, 2004.

At 3:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Thursday, November 18, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, November 15, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of privileges, powers and immunities of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Gary Carr for Hon. Don Boudria.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Gary Carr.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Michel Guimond, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Gary Carr for Hon. Don Boudria.

*Associate Members present:* Gary Carr.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, November 15, 2004, the Committee commenced its study of the privileges, powers and immunities of the House of Commons.

Judi Longfield presented the First Report of the Subcommittee on Parliamentary Privilege.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Parliamentary Privilege be adopted as a report to the House.

On motion of Françoise Boivin, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party provided that it is no more than two pages in length.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Don Boudria took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:24 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/19 1:58 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Tuesday, November 23, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 38th General Election held on June 28, 2004, referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
John Reynolds

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Jay Hill for John Reynolds

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate  
Services;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography;  
Luc Dumont, Director of Operations.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 10

esday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*eting Members present:* Jay Hill for John Reynolds.

*attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*itnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Register and Geography; Luc Dumont, Director Operations.

rsuant to Standing Order 32(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 38th General Election held on June 28, 2004, referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 21, 2004.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

04/11/23 2:40 p.m.

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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Thursday, November 25, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of a Report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business on Bill C-268.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jay Hill for John Reynolds,  
Hon. Paul Harold Macklin for Hon. Judi Longfield,  
and Alan Tonks for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Russ Hiebert.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESS:**

*House of Commons:*  
Rob Moore, M.P., Fundy Royal.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Jay Hill for John Reynolds, Hon. Paul Harold Macklin for Hon. Judi Longfield and Alan Tonks for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*Associate Members present:* Russ Hiebert.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Rob Moore, M.P., Fundy Royal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-268, An Act to confirm the definition of marriage and to preserve ceremonial rights.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Karen Redman moved, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be concurred in.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/25 3:38 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Thursday, December 2, 2004**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms;  
Neal Parker, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct Services;  
Raymond Pelletier, Major Events Coordinator, Parliamentary Precinct Services.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Neal Parker, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct Services; Raymond Pelletier, Major Events Coordinator, Parliamentary Precinct Services.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Michel Guimond, William Corbett and Serge Marcil be invited to appear before the Committee on February 1st, 2005 on the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

It was agreed, — That MGen G. Cloutier and his staff be invited to appear before the Committee later this day, and that Michel Guimond be invited to appear on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, on the question of privilege concerning the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on the Disclosure Statement under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons be empowered to consult with the Ethics Commissioner on the interpretation of the Code.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:49 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That Inspector Louis Lahaie and Sergeant Major François Desfossés of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 and that Chief Superintendent Line Carboneau be invited to appear on Thursday, December 9, 2004

in relation to the question of privilege concerning free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/03 5:07 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the readjustment of electoral boundaries.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin,  
and Jay Hill for John Reynolds.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

Michel Guimond, M.P., Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord.

*Royal Canadian Mounted Police:*

Insp Louis Lahaie, Officer in charge of Major Events, Protective Policing Directorate;  
Sgt Maj François Desfossés, Non-commissioned Officer in charge of RCMP Detachment, Parliament Hill.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin and Jay Hill for John Reynolds.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses:* Michel Guimond, M.P., Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord. *Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Insp Louis Lahaie, Officer in charge of Major Events, Protective Policing Directorate; Sgt Maj François Desfossés, Non-commissioned Officer in charge of RCMP Detachment, Parliament Hill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of the Preliminary Report of the Miramichi and Acadie—Bathurst Electoral Boundaries Commission

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Hon. Bill Blaikie, MP, Réal Ménard, MP, and Supt Pat Hayes of the Ottawa Police Service be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, December 9, 2005 in relation to the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That C/Supt Line Carbonneau and A/Commr Dwight McCallum of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, in relation to the question of privilege relating to the free movement of

Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/07 4:21 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Thursday, December 9, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Hon. Bill Blaikie, P.C., M.P., Elmwood—Transcona.

*Ottawa Police Service:*  
Chief Vince Bevan;  
Supt Pat Hayes, Emergency Operations Division;  
Jacqueline Loignon, Legal Counsel;  
Martin Champoux, Strategic Support Coordinator.

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Angela Crandall  
Committee Clerk

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Hon. Bill Blaikie, P.C., M.P., Elmwood—Transcona. *Ottawa Police Service:* Chief Vince Bevan; Supt Pat Hayes, Emergency Operations Division; Jacqueline Loignon, Legal Counsel; Martin Champoux, Strategic Support Coordinator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Dale Johnston moved, — That the Committee refer the issue of security to the Board of Internal Economy.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004:

- a) The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs prepare a work plan designed to develop a process to conduct an examination of our electoral system with a review of all options;
- b) That, as part of this examination, the Committee facilitate a range of comprehensive methods to receive the views of Canadians in every province and territory and engage a broad cross-section of the public to understand their values and preferences with respect to this issue;
- c) That the Committee table a report summarising its findings by April 22, 2005.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush, the researcher be instructed to prepare a draft report indicating that there has been a breach of privilege.

It was agreed, — That C/Supt Line Charbonneau and MGen G. Cloutier be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 in relation to the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, — That the work plan for the Committee's study of electoral reform prepared by the researcher be adopted.

It was agreed, — That, when the Committee is divided into two groups to travel, a Member of the New Democratic Party be allowed to accompany each group.

It was agreed, — That, when the Committee begins its study on electoral reform, meetings relating to this topic be held on Tuesdays.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses be invited to appear on the consultative process at the first meeting following the Christmas break: Judith Maxwell, President, Canadian Policy Research Network; Jodi White or Jan Elliot, Public Policy Forum; David Zussman, Ekos Research Associates Inc.; Anne Dale, Royal Roads University, Victoria; Hugh Segal, President, Institute for Research on Public Policy; Ken Carty, Citizens' Assembly, British Columbia.

It was agreed, — That, whenever possible, meetings in relation to electoral reform be televised.

Judi Longfield moved, — That this Committee recommend to the Ethics Commissioner that all public disclosure summaries be made available to the public, on request, by fax after February 7, 2005.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall  
Committee Clerk

2004/12/15 1:02 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and John Reynolds.

## ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Carr for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Gary Carr for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin,  
and Jay Hill for Scott Reid.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

## WITNESSES:

*Royal Canadian Mounted Police:*  
C/Supt Line Carboneau, Officer Responsible, Protective  
Operations, NCR.

*House of Commons:*  
MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms;  
Raymond Pelletier, Major Events Coordinator, Parliamentary  
Precinct Services;  
Neal Parker, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct  
Services.

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Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and John Reynolds.

*Acting Members present:* Gary Carr for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Gary Carr for Hon. Karen Redman, Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin and Jay Hill for Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* C/Supt Line Carboneau, Officer Responsible, Protective Operations, NCR. *House of Commons:* MGen G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Raymond Pelletier, Major Events Coordinator, Parliamentary Precinct Services; Neal Parker, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the draft letter to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons concerning the prior review of appointments be approved.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee resumed

consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/14 4:51 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2004**

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, December 1st, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the free movement of Members within the parliamentary precinct during the visit of President George W. Bush.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 4:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/04 9:22 a.m.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

#### Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

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#### ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid

#### ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
and Hon. Rob Nicholson for John Reynolds.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*University of Ottawa:*  
Nathalie Des Rosiers, Dean, Faculty of Civil Law.

*Law Commission of Canada:*  
Bernard Colas, Acting President;  
Steven Bittle, Senior Research Officer.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin and Hon. Rob Nicholson for John Reynolds.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: University of Ottawa:* Nathalie Des Rosiers, Dean, Faculty of Civil Law. *Law Commission of Canada:* Bernard Colas, Acting President; Steven Bittle, Senior Research Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee commenced its study on electoral reform.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on electoral reform, 7 members of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be authorized to travel to Wellington (New Zealand) and Canberra (Australia) from March 24 to April 3, 2005, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee; and

That, in relation to its study on electoral reform, 7 members of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be authorized to travel to Edinburgh (UK), London (UK) and Berlin (Germany) from March 24 to April 3, 2005, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That a travel budget of \$289,695 be approved by the Committee in relation to the trips to the United Kingdom, Germany, New Zealand and Australia, and that the Chair be instructed to present the travel budget to the Liaison Committee for its consideration at the earliest opportunity.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/02 9:25 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Thursday, February 3, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

William Corbett, Clerk;  
Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;  
André Gagnon, Principal Clerk, Journals Branch;  
Ian McDonald, Technology Liaison Coordinator.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; André Gagnon, Principal Clerk, Journals Branch; Ian McDonald, Technology Liaison Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Clerk of the House, the Deputy Clerk and André Gagnon made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That the Committee endorse the proposal for the creation of a new tool for the electronic submission of notices and that the research staff prepare a draft report for the Committee's consideration at its next meeting.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs request an operational budget of \$24,000 for its study on electoral reform and that the Chair present the said budget to the Liaison Committee.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/04 11:24 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Hon. Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Michel Guimond  
Jay Hill  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Rob Nicholson for Bill Casey  
Mario Silva for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Policy Research Networks:*

Judith Maxwell, President;  
Mary Pat MacKinnon, Director, Public Involvement Network.

*Public Policy Forum:*

Jodi White, President.

*Institute for Research on Public Policy:*

Dr. Leslie Seidle, Senior Research Associate.

*Royal Roads University:*

Dr. Anne Dale, Professor, Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Judi Longfield, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Rob Nicholson for Bill Casey and Mario Silva for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*Associate Members present:* Ed Broadbent.

*Witnesses:* Canadian Policy Research Networks: Judith Maxwell, President; Mary Pat MacKinnon, Director, Public Involvement Network. Public Policy Forum: Jodi White, President. Institute for Research on Public Policy: Dr. Leslie Seidle, Senior Research Associate. Royal Roads University: Dr. Anne Dale, Professor, Faculty of Science, Technology and Environment.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue

Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 12:05 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Hon. Karen Redman.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Chatters for Scott Reid,  
and John Reynolds for Jay Hill.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Alain Boire.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

William Corbett, Clerk;  
Michel Guimond, Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord.

*As an Individual:*

Hon. Serge Marcil, P.C..

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Hon. Karen Redman.

*Acting Members present:* David Chatters for Scott Reid and John Reynolds for Jay Hill.

*Other Members present:* Alain Boire.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* William Corbett, Clerk; Michel Guimond, Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord. *As an Individual:* Hon. Serge Marcil, P.C..

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

Michel Guimond and the Honourable Serge Marcil made statements and answered questions.

Bill Casey moved, — That the Committee accept the apology of the *Organisation de Valleyfield pour les personnes atteintes de cancer* and report to the House accordingly.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 2.

The Clerk of the House answered questions arising from the proceedings on the question of privilege.

It was agreed, — That the staff prepare a draft report for the Committee's consideration at its next meeting.

It was agreed, — That, in order to minimize the chances of similar incidents arising in the future, the staff draft a letter to the Board of Internal Economy for the Committee's consideration requesting that it consider reviewing the provisions relating to Members not re-elected of the *Members' Allowance and Services*.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/23 1:49 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Thursday, February 17, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, December 9, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act and the Salaries Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk;  
Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Tony Valeri, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

Wayne McCutcheon, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat;  
Ginette Bougie, Director, Compensation Policy and Operations, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat.

*Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:*

Aaron Allen, Manager, Other Statutory Plans, Pension and Benefits Sector.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk; Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

*Appearing:* Hon. Tony Valeri, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Wayne McCutcheon, Deputy Secretary to Cabinet, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat; Ginette Bougie, Director, Compensation Policy and Operations, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat. *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:* Aaron Allen, Manager, Other Statutory Plans, Pension and Benefits Sector.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, December 9, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act and the Salaries Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Chair calls Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/18 2:31 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 22**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, December 9, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act and the Salaries Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Alan Tonks.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Ginette Bougie, Director, Compensation Policy and Operations,  
Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 9:34 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Other Members present:* Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Ginette Bougie, Director, Compensation Policy and Operations, Senior Personnel and Special Projects Secretariat.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, December 9, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act and the Salaries Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Clauses 1 to 20 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 21,

Dominic LeBlanc moved, — That Bill C-30, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 10 on page 12 with the following:

“other Act and the heading before it”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Dominic LeBlanc and it was agreed to.

Clause 21, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 22 carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 9:42 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:42 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 23, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to the usurpation of the title of Member of Parliament by Serge Marcil.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That a letter to the Board of Internal Economy be appended to the report to the House.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 9:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Tuesday, February 22, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ed Broadbent  
and Mario Silva.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Government of New Brunswick:*

David McLaughlin, Deputy Minister, Commission on Legislative Democracy.

*As an Individual:*

Claude Béland, Mouvement démocratique et citoyenneté du Québec.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Associate Members present:* Ed Broadbent and Mario Silva.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Government of New Brunswick:* David McLaughlin, Deputy Minister, Commission on Legislative Democracy. *As an Individual:* Claude Béland, Mouvement démocratique et citoyenneté du Québec.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 3:39 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Hon. Don Boudria. Lib.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Dalhousie University:*

Peter Aucoin, Professor of Political Science.

*University of Montréal:*

Louis Massicotte, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences - Political Science.

*University of Saskatchewan:*

David Smith, Professor of Political Studies.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Dalhousie University:* Peter Aucoin, Professor of Political Science. *University of Montreal:* Louis Massicotte, Associate Professor, Faculty of Arts and Sciences - Political Science. *University of Saskatchewan:* David Smith, Professor of Political Studies.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Hon. Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Thursday, March 10, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stéphane Bergeron for Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*University of British Columbia:*  
Ken Carty, Professor of Political Science.

*The Fraser Institute:*  
Gordon F. Gibson, Senior Fellow in Canadian Studies.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Stéphane Bergeron for Pauline Picard, Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: University of British Columbia:* Ken Carty, Professor of Political Science. *The Fraser Institute:* Gordon F. Gibson, Senior Fellow in Canadian Studies.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Order in Council appointments.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Dale Johnston,  
and Mario Silva for Françoise Boivin.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ng No. 26

day, March 22, 2005

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the  
, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*bers of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic  
anc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*ng Members present:* Ken Epp for Dale Johnston and Mario Silva for Françoise Boivin.

*riate Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent.

*endance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

ant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Order in  
council appointments.

James Robertson briefed Members and answered questions.

:26 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

is agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase gifts to be presented to foreign hosts while travelling  
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ant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of a matter relating to the Standing  
ers of the House.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

:34 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

otion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

otion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such  
grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

otion of Ken Epp, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE**  
**AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 27**

**Thursday, March 24, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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day, March 24, 2005

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*bers of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Scott Reid.

*iate Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent, Joe Comartin, Marc Godbout, Loyola Hearn and Hon. Raymond d.

*Members present:* Jean-Claude D'Amours.

*endance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Elizabeth B. ton, Committee Clerk.

*sses: High Commission for Australia:* His Excellency William Fisher, High Commissioner.

er to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on to Europe as part of its study on electoral reform.

nittee staff briefed the Members and answered questions.

:41 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

er to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on to Australia and New Zealand as part of its study on electoral reform.

nittee staff briefed the Members and answered questions.

Excellency William Fisher made a statement and answered questions.

:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

03/24 4:55 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 28**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Bill Casey  
Michel Guimond  
Jay Hill  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*Associate Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

Members discussed information gathered during their travel abroad.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/14 4:43 p.m.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Don Boudria.

#### Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 14, 2005

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#### **ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Fran ois Boivin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**APPEARING:**

*House of Commons:*  
Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker;

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
William Corbett, Clerk;  
Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;  
Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Services;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond, Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill and Hon. Raymond Simard for Françoise Boivin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Appearing: House of Commons:* Peter Milliken, Speaker.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* William Corbett, Clerk; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Luc Desroches, Director General, Corporate Services; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Chair called Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Pauline Picard, ORDERED, — That the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada be summoned to appear before the Committee from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

At 12:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/15 3:36 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 30**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin,  
Brian Jean for Bill Casey,  
Tom Lukiwski for Jay Hill,  
Richard Marceau for Pauline Picard,  
Réal Ménard for Michel Guimond,  
Lee Richardson for Bill Casey,

Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond,  
Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate  
Services.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin, Brian Jean for Bill Casey, Tom Lukiwski for Jay Hill, Richard Marceau for Pauline Picard, Réal Ménard for Michel Guimond, Lee Richardson for Bill Casey, Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond, Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of an amendment to the Standing Orders.

Jay Hill moved, — That, given the official opposition supply day was cancelled by the government yesterday, April 18th, the committee give the House the opportunity to hold the government to account by recommending that Standing Order 81(10) be amended by adding:

“(d) For the Supply period ending no later than June 23, 2005, if the government has not designated any of the remaining 6 allotted days so that an opposition motion can be considered on or before May 18, 2005, that May 19, 2005 shall be so designated, and if a recorded division is demanded on May 19, 2005, the vote shall not be deferred beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment on that day.”;

That, on May 30, 2005, this new section (d) of Standing Order 81(10) shall lapse and be withdrawn.”; and

That the committee instruct the Chair to table this report on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:20 p.m., Dale Johnston, Vice-Chair, took the Chair.

At 12:27 p.m., Hon. Don Boudria returned to the Chair.

A point of order was raised regarding the time of adjournment of the meeting.

## RULING BY THE CHAIR

Unless a motion to adjourn is moved and adopted, the debate on the motion before the Committee can continue, notwithstanding the scheduled time of adjournment of 1 o'clock p.m.

Whereupon, Hon. Judi Longfield appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the witnesses be dismissed and that Jean-Pierre Kingsley's presentation be filed as an exhibit.

At 2:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Brian Jean, it was agreed, — That the motion of Jay Hill be amended by replacing the words "Wednesday, April 20, 2005" with the words "Friday, April 22, 2005".

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee adjourn until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005;

That the first item of business be the motion in the name of Jay Hill; and

That all questions to dispose of the said item be put no later than 1:00 p.m.

At 3:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned until Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/26 2:05 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Hon. Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 31**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Peter Julian for Yvon Godin,  
and Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman, Peter Julian for Yvon Godin and Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of an amendment to the Standing Orders.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jay Hill, - That, given the official opposition supply day was cancelled by the government yesterday, April 18th, the committee give the House the opportunity to hold the government to account by recommending that Standing Order 81(10) be amended by adding:

“(d) For the Supply period ending no later than June 23, 2005, if the government has not designated any of the remaining 6 allotted days so that an opposition motion can be considered on or before May 18, 2005, that May 19, 2005 shall be so designated, and if a recorded division is demanded on May 19, 2005, the vote shall not be deferred beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment on that day.”;

That, on May 30, 2005, this new section (d) of Standing Order 81(10) shall lapse and be withdrawn.”; and

That the committee instruct the Chair to table this report on Friday, April 22, 2005.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “yesterday” with the words “on Monday”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Pauline Picard, Scott Reid — 7; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Françoise Boivin, Dominic LeBlanc, Judi Longfield — 4.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/21 5:27 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Hon. Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 32**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, April 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to the riding of Windsor West.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mario Silva for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Brian Masse, M.P., Windsor West;  
Monte Solberg, M.P., Medicine Hat;  
Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk;  
Michel Roy, Executive General Manager, Printing Services.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Mario Silva for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Brian Masse, M.P., Windsor West; Monte Solberg, M.P., Medicine Hat; Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk; Michel Roy, Executive General Manager, Printing Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, April 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to the riding of Windsor West.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:50 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/03 3:59 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 33**

**Thursday, May 5, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 15 (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, April 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to the riding of Windsor West.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

## ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Don H. Bell for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Robert Carrier for Michel Guimond,  
Ken Epp for Jay Hill,  
Derek Lee for Hon. Judi Longfield,  
and Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

## WITNESSES:

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate  
Services.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman, Don H. Bell for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Robert Carrier for Michel Guimond, Ken Epp for Jay Hill, Derek Lee for Hon. Judi Longfield and Benoît Sauvageau for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006: Vote 15 (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL, referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Chair called Vote 15 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Françoise Boivin moved, — That Vote 15 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amount of \$5,057,750 granted in Interim Supply, carry.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Larry Bagnell, Don H. Bell, Françoise Boivin, Robert Carrier, Bill Casey, Ken Epp, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Derek Lee, Pauline Picard, Scott Reid — 11; NAYS: — 0.

Derek Lee moved, — That the Chair report Vote 15 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Larry Bagnell, Don H. Bell, Françoise Boivin, Robert Carrier, Bill Casey, Ken Epp, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Derek Lee, Pauline Picard, Scott Reid — 11; NAYS: — 0.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 15 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, April 18, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of

the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to the riding of Windsor West.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/05 4:31 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 34**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2005**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 34

day, May 10, 2005

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Diane Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Remaining Members present:* Dean Allison for Jay Hill, Paul Crête for Pauline Picard, Hon. Claude Drouin for Hon. Karen Imman, Peter Julian for Yvon Godin and Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Judi Longfield.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

suant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

as agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

as agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

as agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

suant to the Order of Reference of Monday, April 18, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to the riding of Windsor West.

Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

as agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

as agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

5/05/11 4:47 p.m.



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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 35**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

Ed Broadbent moved, — That the committee recommend that the government launch a process of electoral reform that would begin no later than September 1, 2005 and be completed by February 17, 2006. The process would involve a Special Parliamentary Committee and a Citizens' Consultation Committee. The Parliamentary Committee would hold hearings across the country consulting with experts, citizens' associations, business and trade union groups, academics and other organizations interested in electoral reform. The Citizens' Consultation Committee would conduct a deliberative process with citizens to determine what values and principles Canadians would like to see embodied in their electoral system. Two-thirds of the way through the consultative process the two committees would hold a three day session together during which they would share with each other their preliminary conclusions. The two committees would continue with their respective undertakings. In mid January 2006 the Citizens' Consultation Committee would publish its conclusions in a final report released to the public. After taking into consideration the report of the Citizens' Consultation Committee the Parliamentary Committee would make its final recommendations for electoral reform in a report to the House by February 17, 2006.

At 12:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/17 4:21 p.m.

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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 36**

**Thursday, May 19, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 36

ursday, May 19, 2005

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre  
ck, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston,  
n. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*ing Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Charles Hubbard for Françoise Boivin, Gary Lunn for Jay  
l, Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc and Hon. Raymond Simard for Françoise Boivin.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

rsuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral  
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he Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

05/05/19 4:08 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 37**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2005**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

sitting No. 37

day, May 31, 2005

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Hon. Judy M. Gildfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Non-Members present:* Rob Anders for Dale Johnston, Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Johanne Deschamps for Michel Guimond, Jim Gouk for Jay Hill and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

suant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

11:10 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

11:17 a.m., the sitting resumed.

12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

05/31 4:32 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 38**

**Thursday, June 2, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Libby Davies for Yvon Godin,  
and Monique Guay for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Michael Chong, Wellington—Halton Hills;  
John Reynolds, West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky  
Country;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;  
Michel Roy, Executive General Manager, Printing Services.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Libby Davies for Yvon Godin and Monique Guay for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Michael Chong, Wellington—Halton Hills; John Reynolds, West Vancouver—Sunshine Coast—Sea to Sky Country; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer; Michel Roy, Executive General Manager, Printing Services.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 9:37 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 39**

**Tuesday, June 7, 2005**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ting No. 39

day, June 7, 2005

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic Lanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Missing Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Jay Hill and Hon. Raymond Simard for Coïsne Boivin.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

uant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

1:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

5/06/07 2:11 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Hon. Don Boudria.

**Meeting No. 40**

**Thursday, June 9, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin  
Hon. Don Boudria  
Michel Guimond  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Hon. Judi Longfield  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin  
Ken Epp for Jay Hill  
Tom Lukiwski for Bill Casey  
Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Mark Holland, M.P., Ajax—Pickering.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski for Bill Casey and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Mark Holland, M.P., Ajax—Pickering.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 4:12 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 41**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Jay Hill and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman.

*Associate Members present:* Mario Silva.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 25, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on electoral reform.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House, including the dissenting and supplementary opinions which will be appended to the report, on Thursday, June 16, 2005.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/15 12:04 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 42**

**Thursday, June 16, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:45 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Russ Hiebert for Bill Casey, Anthony Rota for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*Other Members present:* Mark Holland.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

It was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Holland may have been aggrieved following a mistake by Canada Post which later apologized, the Committee conclude that the Members' privileges (Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Chong and Mr. Holland) were not breached and that the researchers draft a report to this effect as well as give a summary of the facts of the three cases.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/22 3:20 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 43**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Megan Furi, Analyst.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:35 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Megan Furi, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference of April 18 and May 3, 4 and 10, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the question of privilege relating to mailings sent to various ridings.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:39 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the Committee's Forty-Third Report on electoral reform, presented to the House on Thursday, June 16, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Committee commenced consideration of a proposal from the Liaison Committee regarding committee travel.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed on division, — That the Committee reject the proposal.

At 11:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/22 3:25 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 44**

**Thursday, September 29, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
and Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Michel Guimond, M.P., Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, September 29, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin and Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Michel Guimond, M.P., Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:57 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/09/29 4:38 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria. Lib.

**Meeting No. 45**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Yvon Godin,  
Jay Hill,  
Dominic LeBlanc,  
Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stéphane Bergeron for Michel Guimond,  
Rick Casson for Bill Casey,  
Barry Devolin for Jay Hill,  
and Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Peter Adams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections BC:*  
Harry Neufeld, Chief Electoral Officer.

*House of Commons:*  
Audrey O'Brien, Acting Clerk;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, the Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Dominic LeBlanc, Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Stéphane Bergeron for Michel Guimond, Rick Casson for Bill Casey, Barry Devolin for Jay Hill and Ken Epp for Dale Johnston.

*Associate Members present:* Hon. Peter Adams.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Elections BC:* Harry Neufeld, Chief Electoral Officer. *House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Acting Clerk; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Harry Neufeld made a statement and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study of Bill C-312, in the amount of \$16,900, for the period of October 4, 2005, to October 28, 2005, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

Audrey O'Brien and Louis Bard made statements and answered questions.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, — That the House of Commons Administration take into account the views expressed by the members of the Committee and come back with a formal proposal at a later date.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/04 4:22 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 46**

**Thursday, October 6, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Audrey O'Brien to the position of Clerk of the House of Commons, which was referred to the Committee on September 30, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Françoise Boivin,  
Hon. Don Boudria,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Dale Johnston,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gary Carr for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill,  
and Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections Manitoba:*  
Richard D. Balasko, Chief Electoral Officer.

*Élections Québec:*  
Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer, President of the  
Commission for Electoral Representation;  
Jacque Drouin, Assistant and Director of Electoral Operations.

*Elections Ontario:*  
John Hollins, Chief Election Officer.

*House of Commons:*  
Audrey O'Brien, Acting Clerk.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Françoise Boivin, Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dale Johnston, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Gary Carr for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill and Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Elections Manitoba:* Richard D. Balasko, Chief Electoral Officer. *Élections Québec:* Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer, President of the Commission for Electoral Representation; Jacque Drouin, Assistant and Director of Electoral Operations. *Elections Ontario:* John Hollins, Chief Election Officer. *House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Acting Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Audrey O'Brien to the position of Clerk of the House of Commons, which was referred to the Committee on September 30, 2005.

The Acting Clerk made a statement and answered questions.

Dale Johnston moved, — That this Committee report to the House recommending that the House ratify the appointment of Ms. Audrey Elizabeth O'Brien to the position of Clerk of the House of Commons.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:41 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/07 12:48 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 47**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Raymond Simard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

WITNESS:

*House of Commons:*  
Deepak Obhrai, M.P., Calgary East.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Deepak Obhrai, M.P., Calgary East.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Ethics Commissioner be invited to appear before the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Ethics Commissioner requesting that he suspend the investigation in this matter until the Committee completes its work and reports to the House.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 10:39 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 48**

**Thursday, October 20, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
Gary Carr for Hon. Karen Redman,

Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Raymond Simard,  
and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
James Sprague, Senior General Counsel.

*Office of the Ethics Commissioner:*  
Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner;  
Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and answered questions.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Gary Carr for Hon. Karen Redman, Rodger Cuzner for Hon. Raymond Simard, Susan Kadis for Hon. Raymond Simard and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; James Sprague, Senior General Counsel.

*Office of the Ethics Commissioner:* Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner; Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/21 12:42 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 49**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Raymond Simard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

WITNESSES:

*House of Commons:*  
Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

*Office of the Ethics Commissioner:*  
Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner;  
Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Rob Walsh made a statement and answered questions.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel. *Office of the Ethics Commissioner:* Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner; Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Rob Walsh made a statement and answered questions.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Raymond Simard moved, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Dominic LeBlanc, Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Karen Redman, Raymond Simard — 6; NAYS: Bill Casey, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Scott Reid — 5.

Accordingly, at 12:42 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/25 4:55 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 50**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) and (3), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the provision of services to Members.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Raymond Simard.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Marcel Gagnon for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Ethics Commissioner:*  
Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner;  
Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*Acting Members present:* Marcel Gagnon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Ethics Commissioner:* Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner; Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) and (3), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the provision of services to Members.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs requests that the House of Commons direct its Board of Internal Economy to restrict the use of ten percenters in the following manner:

- (a) That ten percenters be limited to a Member's own riding.
- (b) That ten percenter "regroupings" be abolished.
- (c) That no partisan logos be permitted on ten percenters and householders.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, Jay Hill moved, — That the next meeting of the Committee be on Tuesday,

November 15, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/03 4:18 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 51**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/15 4:07 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria. Lib.

**Meeting No. 52**

**Thursday, November 17, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 18, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-63, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 18, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-63, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria,  
Bill Casey,  
Yvon Godin,

Michel Guimond,  
Jay Hill,  
Dale Johnston,  
Hon. Judi Longfield,  
Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Raymond Simard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill,  
and Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Mauril Bélanger, P.C., M.P., Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Luc Dumont, Director, Democratic Renewal Secretariat;  
Kathy O'Hara, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government.

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Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:37 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Bill Casey, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Judi Longfield, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Yvon Godin, Hon. Rob Nicholson for Jay Hill and Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Appearing:* Hon. Mauril Bélanger, P.C., M.P., Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Luc Dumont, Director, Democratic Renewal Secretariat; Kathy O'Hara, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege relating to an inquiry conducted by the Ethics Commissioner.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 10:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

On motion of Judi Longfield, it was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

On motion of Dale Johnston, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-63, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, June 22, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-312, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (appointment of returning officers).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On Clause 1,

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 19 on page 1 with the following:

“by means of an external appointment process for which eligibility is limited to persons who are qualified under this Act and who are

(a) resident in the electoral district for which the appointment is being made; or

(b) resident in an adjacent electoral district but able to perform the functions of a returning officer as satisfactorily as if they were resident in the electoral district for”

The question was put on the amendment of Pauline Picard and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Chair ruled that the following three (3) amendments were consequential to a previous amendment and therefore they were also adopted:

That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 1 with the following:

““external appointment process” has the same meaning as”

That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 1 with the following:

“(1.3) The external appointment process shall be”

That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 2 with the following:

“publish the notice of external appointment process so as to”

Scott Reid moved, — That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 2 with the following:

“hold office for a term expiring six months after polling day at the general election next following his or her appointment,”

The question was put on the amendment of Scott Reid and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 2 with the following:

“hold office for a term of ten years,”

The question was put on the amendment of Pauline Picard and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 16 and 17 on page 2 with the following:

“to hold office for a reason set out in paragraph (4.2)(b) or (c).”

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to the previous amendment and therefore it was also adopted:

That Bill C-312, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 26 to 34 on page 2 with the following:

“(4.2) La charge de directeur du scrutin devient vacante uniquement, selon le cas :

a) à l’expiration du mandat;

b) au décès, à la démission ou à la révocation de celui-ci, si celui-ci cesse de résider dans la circonscription;

c) si les limites de la circonscription sont modifiées en raison d'un décret de représentation électorale pris au titre de l'article 25 de la *Loi sur la révision des limites des circonscriptions électorales*. »

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-312 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 3 the following new clause:

**“2. Section 25 of the Act is replaced by the following:**

**25.** Between the 1st and 20th days of January in each year, the Chief Electoral Officer shall publish a list in the *Canada Gazette* of the name, address and occupation of the returning officer for each electoral district in Canada.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-312 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 3 the following new clause:

**“3. Subsection 28(2) of the Act is repealed.**

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-312 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 3 the following new clause:

**“3. Subsection 28(4) of the Act is replaced by the following:**

(4) Within 60 days after the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer has been notified of a vacancy in the office of a returning officer or accepts the resignation of a returning officer, the Chief Electoral Officer shall appoint a new returning officer.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 18, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-63, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On Clause 1,

Raymond Simard moved, — That Bill C-63, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 10 to 13 on page 1 with the following:

“Senate and of the House of Commons that normally considers electoral matters shall undertake a comprehensive review of the amendments made by this Act and submit a report to its House”

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 9, on page 1, with the following:

“force of this section, the committees of the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Raymond Simard, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Scott Reid moved, — That Bill C-63, in Clause 1, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 1 the following:

**“27. The amendments made by this Act cease to have effect on the day that is three months after the day on which a report is submitted to Parliament under section 26 or on the day that is 27 months after the day on which this section comes into force, whichever is the earlier.”**

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was contrary to the principle of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 1, as amended, carried on division.

The Title, as amended, carried on division.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Pierre Rodrigue  
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/18 1:46 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Don Boudria, Lib.

**Meeting No. 53**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) and (3), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the provision of services to Members.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria  
Yvon Godin  
Michel Guimond  
Jay Hill  
Dale Johnston  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc  
Pauline Picard  
Hon. Karen Redman  
Scott Reid  
Hon. Raymond Simard

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Judi Longfield  
Hon. Rob Nicholson for Bill Casey

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal

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Richard Rumas  
Committee Clerk



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Hon. Don Boudria, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Hon. Don Boudria, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Raymond Simard.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Judi Longfield and Hon. Rob Nicholson for Bill Casey.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) and (3), Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the provision of services to Members.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Karen Redman, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs requests that the House of Commons direct its Board of Internal Economy to restrict the use of ten percenters in the following manner:

- (a) That ten percenters be limited to a Member's own riding.
- (b) That ten percenter "regroupings" be abolished.
- (c) That no partisan logos be permitted on ten percenters and householders.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Dominic LeBlanc, Karen Redman, Raymond Simard — 4; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Dale Johnston, Rob Nicholson, Pauline Picard, Scott Reid — 7.

At 11:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Gary Goodyear. PCC

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, April 6, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, April 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Stephen Owen and Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, — That Gary Goodyear be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Stephen Owen, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That Michel Guimond be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Gary Goodyear took the Chair.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the four (4) Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114 and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report signed by all four (4) whips, or their representatives, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House, on behalf of the Committee.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding one (1) representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to S.O. 91.1(1), the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of one (1) member from each recognized party and a Chair from the government party; and

That Joe Preston be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/01 3:07 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, April 6, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, April 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Stephen Owen and Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, — That Gary Goodyear be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Stephen Owen, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx be elected Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Pauline Picard, it was agreed, — That Michel Guimond be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Gary Goodyear took the Chair.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the four (4) Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114 and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report signed by all four (4) whips, or their representatives, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House, on behalf of the Committee.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnessses, not exceeding one (1) representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of one (1) member from each recognized party and a Chair from the government party;

That Joe Preston be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee; and

That the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1)(a), except the power to report directly to the House.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That, at its next meeting, the Committee discuss future committee business and a draft report regarding the guidelines for broadcasting of committees;
2. That briefing material regarding election matters and security on the Hill be prepared for distribution to Members of the Committee;
3. That the Chief Electoral Officer be invited to appear on Thursday, April 27, 2006 to discuss general issues regarding the election of Members; and
4. That the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms be invited to discuss security on the Hill, at an *in camera* meeting.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Chief Electoral Officer be invited to appear on Thursday, April 27, 2006 in relation to the election of Members to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms be invited to appear on Thursday, May 4, 2006, in relation to the parliamentary precincts.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report on broadcasting of committees.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of : Joe Preston,

Scott Reid, Derek Lee, Pauline Picard and Jean Crowder.

At 11:26 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:27 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee resumed the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:29 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, April 27, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin.  
Gary Goodyear.  
Michel Guimond.  
Hon. Marlene Jennings.  
Tom Lukiwski.  
Hon. Stephen Owen.  
Pauline Picard.  
Joe Preston.  
Marcel Proulx.  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Monique Guay for Michel Guimond.  
and Laurie Hawn for Hon. Jay Hill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, April 27, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Monique Guay for Michel Guimond and Laurie Hawn for Hon. Jay Hill.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC

**Meeting No. 4**

**Thursday, May 4, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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day, May 4, 2006

standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene King, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Members present:* James Bezan for Tom Lukiwski and Mario Silva for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons; Kevin M. Vickers, Director, Security Services, Parliamentary Precinct Services.

Ant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee commenced consideration of security on the Hill.

Audrey O'Brien and Kevin Vickers made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

11:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

11:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt a draft workplan for May and June 2006.

11:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski,  
Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond,  
Serge Ménard for Pauline Picard,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Ethics Commissioner:*  
Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner;  
Robert F. Benson, Deputy Commissioner.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Hon. Jay Hill, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukowski, Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen, Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond, Serge Ménard for Pauline Picard and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Ethics Commissioner:* Bernard Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner; Robert F. Benson, Deputy Ethics Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Bernard Shapiro made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108, a Subcommittee be established to study security on Parliament Hill; and

That the Subcommittee be composed of Gary Goodyear, Marcel Proulx, Michel Guimond, Joe Preston and Yvon Godin.

It was agreed, — That further to the Committee's Second Report concerning the broadcasting guidelines, a letter be sent to all Members of Parliament requesting their input into whether these guidelines should be made permanent.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, May 11, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker;

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;  
Luc Desroches, Director General.

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer; Luc Desroches, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

The Chair called Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT.

The Hon. Peter Milliken made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 5, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under PARLIAMENT, to the House.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/11 4:33 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski, Joe Comartin for Yvon Godin, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*Associate Members present:* Mario Silva.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst; Dominique Valiquet, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC

**Meeting No. 8**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukowski, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst; Dominique Valiquet, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Gérard Asselin replace Michel Guimond as a member of the Subcommittee on Parliament Hill Security.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/31 4:02 p.m.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

#### Meeting No. 9

Thursday, June 1, 2006

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

#### ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski,  
John Maloney for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Alexa McDonough for Yvon Godin,  
Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Conservative Party of Canada :*  
Michael D. Donison, Executive Director;  
Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel, Conservative Fund of Canada.

*Liberal Party of Canada:*  
Steven MacKinnon, National Director.

*Bloc Québécois:*  
Gilbert Gardner, General Director;  
Martin Carpentier, Director.

*New Democratic Party:*  
Eric Hébert, Federal Secretary;  
Jess Turk-Browne, Assistant Federal Secretary.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, June 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski, John Maloney for Hon. Karen Redman, Alexa McDonough for Yvon Godin, Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses:* Conservative Party of Canada : Michael D. Donison, Executive Director; Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel, Conservative Fund of Canada. Liberal Party of Canada: Steven MacKinnon, National Director. Bloc Québécois: Gilbert Gardner, General Director; Martin Carpentier, Director. New Democratic Party: Eric Hébert, Federal Secretary; Jess Turk-Browne, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

#### Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

#### ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin,  
Derek Lee for Hon. Karen Redman,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Leon Benoit, M.P., Vegreville—Wainwright.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin, Derek Lee for Hon. Karen Redman and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Leon Benoit, M.P., Vegreville—Wainwright.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of a report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-291, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (injuring or causing the death of a child before or during its birth while committing an offence).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Marlene Jennings moved, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 1.

At 12:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Thursday, June 8, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, June 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski, Gérard Asselin for Michel Guimond and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear, CPC

**Meeting No. 12**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel.

*Elections Canada:*

Raymond Landry, Commissioner;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations.

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Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, June 13, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel. *Elections Canada:* Raymond Landry, Commissioner; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/14 1:19 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Brown for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:*  
Jennifer Stoddart, Privacy Commissioner;  
Raymond D'Aoust, Assistant Privacy Commissioner.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Bonnie Brown for Hon. Stephen Owen and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:* Jennifer Stoddart, Privacy Commissioner; Raymond D'Aoust, Assistant Privacy Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 6:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Thursday, June 15, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski,  
Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, June 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski, Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/15 3:34 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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2006/06/20 3:24 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2006**

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**IN CAMERA**



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 6:03 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Tom Lukiwski and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a supplementary opinion from the Bloc Québécois provided that it is no more than one (1) page in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 4 p.m. on June 21, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House, including the supplementary opinion which will be appended to the report.

At 7:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

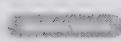
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

1. That, with respect to consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act, the witnesses be as follows:

- Government House Leader;
- Chief Electoral Officer;
- Representatives of political parties; and
- Representatives from the province of British Columbia regarding fixed election dates;

2. That the Subcommittee on Parliament Hill Security continue its deliberations and report back to the Committee its findings;

3. That a Subcommittee to study the Conflict of Interest Code for Members be established;

4. That the Committee continue its study of the Elections Act; and

5. That the Committee, by way of written material, request input from the Press Gallery and other interested officials, regarding the provisional broadcasting guidelines for committees.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be amended by replacing the following paragraphs as follows:

“1. That, with respect to consideration of Bill C-16, *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act*, the witnesses be as follows:

- Government House Leader;
- Chief Electoral Officer;
- Representatives of political parties;
- Representatives from the province of British Columbia regarding fixed election dates; and
- Other witnesses that the Committee chooses;

3. That the Committee undertake a study on the Conflict of Interest Code for Members”.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, as amended, be adopted.

On motion of Marlene Jennings, it was agreed, — That twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given for the consideration of amendments to Bill C-16, *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act*.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/25 3:21 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Rob Nicholson, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

Kathy O'Hara, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government;  
Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

*Department of Justice:*

Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law.

*Elections Canada:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and Geography.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Rob Nicholson, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

*Witnesses:* Privy Council Office: Kathy O'Hara, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet, Machinery of Government; Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning. Department of Justice: Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law. Elections Canada: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and Geography.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The Hon. Rob Nicholson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 4:15 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Thursday, September 28, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections BC:*

Linda Johnson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer.

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Lucile McGregor  
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met by videoconference at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Elections BC:* Linda Johnson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/28 3:35 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Bloc Québécois:*

Martin Carpentier, Director;  
Gilbert Gardner, General Director.

*Conservative Party of Canada :*

Michael D. Donison, Executive Director.

*New Democratic Party:*

Anne McGrath, President.

*The Green Party of Canada:*

David Chernushenko, Senior Deputy to the Leader.

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Lucile McGregor  
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Bloc Québécois:* Martin Carpentier, Director; Gilbert Gardner, General Director.

*Conservative Party of Canada :* Michael D. Donison, Executive Director. *New Democratic Party:* Anne McGrath, President. *The Green Party of Canada:* David Chernushenko, Senior Deputy to the Leader.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 2:54 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Thursday, October 5, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*

Prof. Andrew Heard, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Simon Fraser University;  
Prof. Louis Massicotte, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Montreal, Visiting professor in Democracy and Elections, American University;  
Prof. Henry Milner, Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Umea University.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met by videoconference at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Prof. Andrew Heard, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Simon Fraser University; Prof. Louis Massicotte, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Montreal, Visiting professor in Democracy and Elections, American University; Prof. Henry Milner, Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, Umea University.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Karen Redman moved, — That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders in effect on October 5, 2006, including the provisional Standing Orders, be made permanent, and,

That the adoption of this motion be reported to the House forthwith.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 22**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Marlene Jennings and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Karen Redman moved, — That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders in effect on October 5, 2006, including the provisional Standing Orders, be made permanent, and,

That the adoption of this motion be reported to the House forthwith.

Debate arose thereon.

Jay Hill moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “That” and replacing with the words “the committee recommends that the provisional Standing Orders, adopted by the House on February 18, 2005, remain in effect as per the Special Order adopted unanimously by the House on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 to allow the process as agreed to by the House Leaders to take place before any further action is taken”.

At 12:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

### RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it resulted in a direct negative of the main motion.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, --- That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 10:44 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Thursday, October 19, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Hon. Larry Bagnell for Marcel Proulx,  
Mario Silva for Marcel Proulx,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Marcel Proulx.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal, Law and Government Division;  
Margaret Young, Analyst.

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Lucile McGregor  
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Marcel Proulx, Mario Silva for Marcel Proulx and Hon. Raymond Simard for Marcel Proulx.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal, Law and Government Division; Margaret Young, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion adopted on September 21, 2006, the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Committee all of their proposed amendments to Bill C-16 no later than 11 a.m. on Monday, October 23, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The research staff made statements and answered questions.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Karen Redman moved, — That this Committee recommends that the Standing Orders in effect on October 5, 2006, including the provisional Standing Orders, be made permanent, and,

That the adoption of this motion be reported to the House forthwith.

Debate arose thereon.

Jay Hill moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “forthwith” with the words “following unanimously agreed upon amendments, but no later than one week from today, October 26, 2006”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Jay Hill and it was negated on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 5; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Michel Guimond, Marlene Jennings, Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Karen Redman — 6.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Larry Bagnell, Michel Guimond, Marlene Jennings, Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Karen Redman — 6; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 5.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting opinions provided that they are no more than one paragraph in length and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 10:39 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Allen for Scott Reid,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Deepak Obhrai for Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman,  
and David Tilson for Hon. Jay Hill.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

## WITNESSES:

*Privy Council Office:*

Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning;  
Douglas Wolfe, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

*Department of Justice:*

Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Mike Allen for Scott Reid, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Deepak Obhrai for Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman and David Tilson for Hon. Jay Hill.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning; Douglas Wolfe, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning. *Department of Justice:* Warren J. Newman, General Counsel, Constitutional and Administrative Law.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, September 19, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

On Clause 1,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 1 with the following:

“election must be held on the fourth Monday of April in the fourth calendar year following”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 1, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 1 the following:

“(3) If the House of Commons adopts a motion of non-confidence in the government and the Prime Minister does not resign despite the adoption of that motion, the Prime Minister shall advise the Governor General to dissolve the House of Commons on the day the motion is adopted and to command that a general election be held on a Monday selected by the Prime Minister that is not later than 180 days following the day on which the motion is adopted.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3), “motion of non-confidence” includes

- (a) a motion that expressly states that the House has no confidence in the government;
- (b) a motion that has been specifically identified by the government as a motion of non-confidence;
- (c) a motion that provides for the granting of Supply, except if it only provides for the granting of an individual item of Supply;
- (d) a motion that addresses the budgetary policy of the government; and
- (e) a motion that relates to the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.”

#### RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 1, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 1 the following:

“(3) Despite subsection (2), if the third Monday of October is a holiday, the general election must be held on the following Tuesday.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

The Chair ruled that the following two (2) amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also negatived:

That Bill C-16, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 1 with the following:

“be polling day under subsection 56.1(2) or (3) is not”

That Bill C-16, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 2 with the following:

“56.1(2) or (3) or section 56.2, if, in the week in which”

Clause 1 carried on division.

Clause 2 carried.

Clause 3 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 4:16 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Thursday, October 26, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Libby Davies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel.

*Elections Canada:*

Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and  
Geography.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

*Associate Members present:* Libby Davies.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel. *Elections Canada:* Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and Geography.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

Mr. Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 2:49 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Tuesday, October 31, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker;

**WITNESSES:**

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:36 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker.

*Witnesses:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/31 3:17 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 27**

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jean-Yves Laforest for Michel Guimond,  
and Jean-Yves Laforest for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Jean-Yves Laforest for Michel Guimond and Jean-Yves Laforest for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: Ms. Dawn Black, M.P., Hon. John Fraser, Hon. Senator Andrée Champagne, Robert Marleau or Camille Montpetit be invited to appear in relation to the Committee's study on decorum and the Standing Orders.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee resumed consideration of security on the Hill.

It was agreed, — That the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Parliament Hill Security to send a letter to the Speaker and the members of the Board of Internal Economy outlining the Committee's concerns about security on the Hill be adopted.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/02 4:36 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 28**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Margaret Young, Analyst.

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Thomas Hall  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond, Hon. Raymond Chan for Hon. Stephen Owen and Jean Crowder for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

It was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on Disclosure Forms under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons be composed of four (4) members, one (1) from each party, to be named by the Chair after the usual consultations with the Whips, that the member from the government party be the Chair of the Subcommittee, and that the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108 (1) except the power to report directly to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall  
Committee Clerk

2006/11/15 3:53 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 29**

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Christopherson for Yvon Godin,  
Roger Gaudet for Michel Guimond,  
Mark Holland for Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
and Bev Shipley for Tom Lukiwski.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Margaret Young, Analyst.

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Thomas Hall  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* David Christopherson for Yvon Godin, Roger Gaudet for Michel Guimond, Mark Holland for Hon. Marlene Jennings and Bev Shipley for Tom Lukiwski.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Margaret Young, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) and in addition to its mandate pursuant to Standing Order 91.1, the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be empowered to review and report on the Standing Orders, procedure and practice relating to Private Members' Business, and that the Subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) except the power to report directly to the House.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:20 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The question: "That a letter be sent to Mr. Kingsley in response to his correspondence of October 31, 2006, regarding a draft policy for the provision of funding by Elections Canada to ensure fully accessible all-candidates meetings" was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Michel Guimond, Jay Hill, Mark Holland, Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Karen Redman, Scott Reid — 8; NAYS: David Christopherson — 1.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:24 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Honorable Rob Nicholson, Minister for Democratic Reform, be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-31.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Thomas Hall  
Committee Clerk

2006/11/09 4:26 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 30**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond,  
and Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*New Democratic Party Caucus:*  
Dawn Black, M.P., Member of the New Democratic Party Caucus.

*Senate:*  
Hon. Andrée P. Champagne.

*As an Individual:*  
Robert Marleau, Former Clerk of the House of Commons.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond and Hon. Charles Hubbard for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses:* New Democratic Party Caucus: Dawn Black, M.P., Member of the New Democratic Party Caucus. Senate: Senator the Hon. Andrée P. Champagne. *As an individual:* Robert Marleau, Former Clerk of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the parties would discuss the issue of decorum in the House with their respective caucuses and report back to the committee if required.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given for the consideration of amendments to Bill C-31, *An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.*

It was agreed, — That witnesses be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-31.

At 12:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/22 2:28 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 31**

**Thursday, November 23, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert Carrier for Michel Guimond,  
and Scott Simms for Hon. Stephen Owen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Rob Nicholson, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

*Department of Justice:*

Raymond MacCallum, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section.

*Privy Council Office:*

Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Robert Carrier for Michel Guimond and Scott Simms for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Rob Nicholson, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

*Department of Justice:* Raymond MacCallum, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section. *Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-295, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers), be concurred in.

At 12:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-31.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 7:59 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 32**

**Tuesday, November 28, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Luc Malo for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Élections Québec:*

Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer & President of the  
Commission for Electoral Representation.

*British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:*

Murray Mollard, Executive Director.

*British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre:*

Jim Quail, Executive Director.

*As an Individual:*

Tina Marie Bradford, Lawyer.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met by videoconference at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukowski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen and Luc Malo for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Élections Québec:* Marcel Blanchet, Chief Electoral Officer & President of the Commission for Electoral Representation. *British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:* Murray Mollard, Executive Director. *British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre:* Jim Quail, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Tina Marie Bradford, Lawyer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed by videoconference.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That witnesses be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-31.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 3:57 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 33**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Paul Szabo for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Paul Szabo for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*

Barbara Carroll, Executive Director, Debra Dynes Family House and Chair of the Coalition of Community Houses Ottawa;  
Mary-Martha Hale, Chair, Alliance to End Homelessness for Ottawa and Executive Director of the Anglican Social Services - Centre 454.

*Canadian Federation of Students:*

Rob Hepburn, National Communications Officer.

*Nishnawbe Aski Nation:*

William Nothing.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Paul Szabo for Hon. Stephen Owen and Paul Szabo for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Barbara Carroll, Executive Director, Debra Dynes Family House and Chair of the Coalition of Community Houses Ottawa; Mary-Martha Hale, Chair, Alliance to End Homelessness for Ottawa and Executive Director of the Anglican Social Services - Centre 454. *Canadian Federation of Students:* Rob Hepburn, National Communications Officer. *Nishnawbe Aski Nation:* William Nothing.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 8,350, for the period of November 23, 2006 to December 15, 2006 be adopted.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:56 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Privacy Commissioner be invited to appear on Thursday, December 7, 2006, in relation to Bill C-31.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk contact the Professional Institute of the Public Service (PIPS) and the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) so that they may submit, in writing, their views on Bill C-31.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 34**

**Thursday, December 7, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
and Luc Malo for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections Canada:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and  
Geography;  
Michèle René de Cotret, Director, Legislative Policy & Analysis.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin and Luc Malo for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Elections Canada:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and Geography; Michèle René de Cotret, Director, Legislative Policy & Analysis.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/07 3:02 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 35**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2006**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Steven Blaney for Hon. Jay Hill,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Diane Marleau for Hon. Karen Redman,  
and Anthony Rota for Hon. Stephen Owen.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning;  
Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning;  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

*Department of Justice:*

Raymond MacCallum, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Stephen Owen, Steven Blaney for Hon. Jay Hill, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Hon. Diane Marleau for Hon. Karen Redman and Anthony Rota for Hon. Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Sebastian Spano, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning; Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning; Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning. *Department of Justice:* Raymond MacCallum, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-31, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Public Service Employment Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

On Clause 1,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 1 with the following:

“division and the identifier that is”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

Clauses 2 and 3 carried severally.

On Clause 4,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 2 with the following:

“(2.1) The Register of Electors also contains, for each elector, a unique, randomly”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 2 with the following:

“(2.1) The Register of Electors must also”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Tom Lukiwski and it was agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

On Clause 5,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 36 on page 2 with the following:

“and mailing address, date of birth and the identifier”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Clause 5, as amended, carried on division.

Clauses 6 to 8 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 9,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 3 with the following:

“9. Subsections 55(1) and (2) of the Act are”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Clause 9 carried.

On Clause 10,

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 21 on page 4 with the following:

“or mailing address of that person, or to the”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Tom Lukiwski and it was agreed to.

Clause 10, as amended, carried.

Clauses 11 and 12 carried severally.

On Clause 13,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 6 with the following:

“contain only the name, address and date of birth of each”

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing lines 15 and 16 on page 6 with the following:

“elector in the electoral district and the identifier that is assigned to the elector by the Chief”

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Clause 13, as amended, carried.

On Clause 14,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 34 on page 6 with the following:

“paragraph (c) and by adding the following after paragraph (d):

(e) the fact that proof of an elector’s identity and residence will be required before the elector is allowed to vote; and

(f) a telephone number and an e-mail address at which an elector may, with proof of identity as prescribed in the regulations, contact the Chief Electoral Officer in order to correct any errors in his or her notice of confirmation of registration.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 14 carried.

Clause 15 carried.

On Clause 16,

Scott Reid moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 6 with the following:

“16. (1) Subsection 101(1) of the Act is amended by striking out the word “or” at the end of paragraph (b), by adding the word “or” at the end of paragraph (c) and by adding the following after paragraph

(c):

(d) the elector, or another elector who lives at the same residence as the elector, at their residence and in the presence of the revising agents completes the prescribed registration form and takes the prescribed oath.

(2) Section 101 of the Act is amended by"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Scott Reid and it was agreed to.

Clause 16, as amended, carried.

Clause 17 carried.

On Clause 18,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 18, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 7 with the following:

"indicates each elector's date of birth."

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Clause 18, as amended, carried.

Clauses 19 and 20 carried severally.

On Clause 21,

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 21, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 22 to 24 on page 8 with the following:

"(b) two pieces of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer each of which establish the elector's name and at least one of which establishes the elector's address."

(b) by adding after line 24 on page 8 the following:

"(2.1) For greater certainty, the Chief Electoral Officer may authorize as a piece of identification for the purposes of paragraph (2)(b) any document, regardless of who issued it."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Tom Lukiwski and it was agreed to.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 21, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 8 the following:

"(c) a statutory declaration made by the elector under the *Canada Evidence Act*."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived.

The Chair ruled that the following four (4) amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also negated:

That Bill C-31, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 11 with the following:

“(b), respectively, or the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph 143(2)(c); or”

That Bill C-31, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 11 with the following:

“or (b), respectively, or the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph 143(2)(c), and”

That Bill C-31, in Clause 28, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 12 with the following:

“graph 143(2)(a) or (b), respectively, or the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph 143(2)(c), or to take”

That Bill C-31, in Clause 30, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 13 with the following:

“(b), respectively, or the statutory declaration referred to in paragraph 143(2)(c); or”

Karen Redman moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 21, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 8 the following:

“(2.1) For the purposes of subsection (2), a document issued by the Government of Canada that certifies that a person is registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act* constitutes proof of that person's identity.”

Scott Reid moved, — That the amendment be amended:

(a) by replacing the word “(2.1)” with the word “(2.2)”

(b) by replacing the words “subsection (2)” with the words “paragraph (2)(b)”

(c) by replacing the words “proof of that person's identity” with the words “an authorized piece of identification”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Scott Reid and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Karen Redman, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 8 with the following:

“oath if he or she is the client of an agency approved by the Chief Electoral Officer and is vouched for by a representative of that agency or he or she is accompanied by an elector”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 21, be amended by deleting lines 42 and 43 on page 8.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

The Chair ruled that the following three (3) amendments were consequential to the previous amendment and therefore they were also negated:

That Bill C-31, in Clause 26, be amended by deleting lines 1 and 2 on page 12.

That Bill C-31, in Clause 30, be amended by deleting lines 19 and 20 on page 13.

That Bill C-31, in Clause 38, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 11 and 12 on page 15 with the following:

“the Act are renumbered as 489(2)(a.1) and (a.2), respectively.”

(b) by replacing lines 15 to 18 on page 15 with the following:

“paragraph (a.1):

(a) contravenes subsection 143(6) (vouch-”

(c) by replacing lines 22 and 23 on page 15 with the following:

“paragraph (a.2):

(a.3) contravenes subsection 161(7) (vouch-”

(d) by replacing, in the English version, line 27 on page 15 with the following:

“the end of paragraph (b), by adding the word “or” at the end of paragraph (c) and by adding the”

(e) by replacing lines 29 to 31 on page 15 with the following:

“(d) contravenes subsection 169(6) (vouchee”

Clause 21, as amended, carried.

At 1:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 22,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 22, be amended by replacing lines 38 and 39 on page 9 with the following:

“person, the person shall be allowed to vote if he or she takes the prescribed oath.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

Clause 22 carried.

On Clause 23,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 10 the following:

“(1.1) Section 149 of the Act is amended by adding the following after paragraph (a):

(a.1) the elector gives the deputy returning officer a statutory declaration under the *Canada Evidence Act* that specifies the elector’s name and address;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 23 carried.

Clause 24 carried on division.

Clauses 25 to 27 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 28,

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 28, be amended by adding after line 34 on page 12 the following:

“(i.1) on request, and at least every 30 minutes, provide to a candidate’s representative, on the prescribed form and as directed by the Chief Electoral Officer, the identity of every elector who has exercised his or her right to vote; and ”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 28, as amended, carried.

After debate, Clauses 29 to 41 inclusive carried severally, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

On Clause 42,

Scott Reid moved, — That Bill C-31, in Clause 42, be amended by replacing lines 29 to 37 on page 16 with the following:

“42. (1) Sections 3, 6, 8 and 9, subsection 10(2), sections 11, 12, 14 to 16, 20 to 33 and 35 to 39 come into force two months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent unless, before that day, the Chief Electoral Officer publishes a notice in the *Canada Gazette* that the necessary preparations have

been made for the bringing into operation of the provisions set out in the notice and that they may come into force on the day set out in the notice.

(2) The amendment to the definition “list of electors” in subsection 2(1) of the *Canada Elections Act*, as enacted by section 1, sections 4, 5 and 7, subsection 10(1) and sections 13, 17 to 19 and 34 come into force eight months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent unless, before that day, the Chief Electoral Officer publishes a notice in the *Canada Gazette* that the necessary preparations have been made for the bringing into operation of the provisions set out in the notice and that they may come into force on the day set out in the notice.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Scott Reid and it was agreed to.

Clause 42, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-31, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/18 10:25 a.m.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

#### Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 1, 2007



#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;

Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That a letter be sent to the Speaker regarding security on Parliament Hill;
2. That a letter be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer thanking him for his service;
3. That the Committee review the report of the Committee from the 38th Parliament regarding electoral boundaries;
4. That the Committee invite the Commissioner of Canada Elections to appear;
5. That the order of reference for the Subcommittee on Disclosure forms be amended to widen the mandate to include the Code itself and to allow for the Chair of the Committee to be a member.
6. That the Committee discuss the issue of decorum in the House at the meeting of February 1, 2007 and that the Clerk send out a reminder to all Members of the previous discussion on this issue.

It was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed, — That Mr. Owen replace Ms. Jennings on the Subcommittee on Disclosure Forms.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Chair of the Liaison Committee inviting him to appear before the committee to discuss the Liaison Committee's concerns regarding travel for Committees within the National Capital area.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Parliamentary Press Gallery regarding the broadcasting guidelines for committees.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel requesting a legal opinion concerning any privilege issues arising from the physical location of the office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner.

At 11:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:49 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel in order to obtain an opinion regarding the effects of certain disciplinary measures with respect to decorum in the House.

Yvon Godin moved, — That the Committee asks that the current Speaker respect former Speaker John Fraser's initiative to reduce pollution by asking Ministers not to idle their cars while on Parliament Hill and to provide a waiting area for the Ministers' drivers so they can wait for Ministers inside on inclement days.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/07 11:56 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 37**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons - Readjustment of Electoral Boundaries.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:32 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 11:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/07 11:56 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 38**

**Thursday, February 8, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections Canada:*

William H. Corbett, Commissioner of Canada Elections;  
Audrey Nowack, Senior Legal Counsel.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Libby Davies for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Elections Canada:* William H. Corbett, Commissioner of Canada Elections; Audrey Nowack, Senior Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

William H. Corbett made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee send a letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons concerning the idling of car engines on Parliament Hill.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 8:56 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 39**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 111.1, the nominee for the position of Chief Electoral Officer, Marc Mayrand, be invited to appear before the Committee, in a televised meeting, on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:20 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Joe Preston moved, — That the Procedure and House Affairs Committee conduct a study of Canada's democratic and electoral systems, taking into account an examination of the role of Members of Parliament, political parties, citizen engagement and rates of voter participation; civic literacy; the House Commons and the Senate. As part of this study, the Committee should consider the product of the public consultation process currently underway across Canada .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

At 11:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/15 2:46 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 40**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Request from the Liaison Committee regarding travel in the National Capital Region

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Liaison Committee:*

Dean Allison, Chair ;  
Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk of the Committee.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Liaison Committee:* Dean Allison, Chair ; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk of the Committee.

Request from the Liaison Committee regarding travel in the National Capital Region

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That no change be made to the process for requesting authority from the House for committee travel within the National Capital Region.

At 11:29 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/26 12:04 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 41**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Marc Mayrand to the position of Chief Electoral Officer which was referred to the Committee on Friday, February 15, 2007.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*

Marc Mayrand, Nominee for the position of Chief Electoral Officer .

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Marc Mayrand, Nominee for the position of Chief Electoral Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 111.1(1), the Committee commenced consideration of the proposed appointment of Marc Mayrand to the position of Chief Electoral Officer which was referred to the Committee on Friday, February 15, 2007.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Scott Reid moved, — That the nomination of Marc Mayrand as Chief Electoral Officer of Canada be concurred in and that the Chair report such to the House.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11; NAYS: 0.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/20 2:43 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 42**

**Thursday, February 22, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond,  
and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As an Individual:*

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Former Chief Electoral Officer.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As an individual:* Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Former Chief Electoral Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

The witness answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/23 10:40 a.m.

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**Meeting No. 43**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; James Robertson, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons regarding decorum in the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a supplementary opinion of the New Democratic Party provided that it is no more than 1 page in length and submitted electronically, in both official languages, to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House, including the dissenting opinion which will be appended to the report.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/28 1:36 p.m.



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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 44**

**Thursday, March 29, 2007**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond and David Tilson for Joe Preston.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and, following a review of the outstanding items, agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That, at its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Committee discuss a draft report regarding the guidelines for broadcasting of committees.
2. That, at its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Committee discuss the letter from the Chief Electoral Officer regarding voter identification.
3. That, at its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Committee discuss the letter from the Commissioner of Elections.
4. That, at its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Committee discuss the letter from the Speaker regarding security on Parliament Hill.
5. That, at its meeting of March 29, 2007, the Committee discuss the letter from the Speaker regarding the idling of cars.
6. That the Committee invite the Speaker of the House to appear on the Main Estimates of the House of Commons on Tuesday, April 17.
7. That the Committee invite the Chief Electoral Officer to appear on the Main Estimates of Elections Canada on Thursday, April 19.
8. That the Committee study the following issues the week of April 23 and invite the appropriate witnesses:
  - rendering public *in camera* proceedings

- committees continuing to sit during divisions

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons requesting an update on the security concerns previously raised by the Committee.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons concerning security in parking lots around Parliament Hill.

It was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Minister of Public Works regarding the idling of cars on Parliament Hill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the broadcasting of committees.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/05 11:43 a.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 45**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008 referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons;

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons; Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 1:40 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 46**

**Thursday, April 19, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008 referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Libby Davies for Yvon Godin,  
and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer.

*Office of the Commissioner of Elections:*  
Johanne Gauthier, General Counsel.

*Elections Canada:*

William H. Corbett, Commissioner of Canada Elections;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief  
Legal Counsel;  
Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and  
Geography;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Political Financing, Audit and  
Corporate Services.

Marc Mayrand made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

William H. Corbett made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Libby Davies for Yvon Godin and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer. *Office of the Commissioner of Elections:* Johanne Gauthier, General Counsel. *Elections Canada:* William H. Corbett, Commissioner of Canada Elections; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Senior Director, Operations, Register and Geography; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Political Financing, Audit and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Vote 15 (Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Chair called Vote 15 (Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL.

Marc Mayrand made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 15 (Chief Electoral Officer) under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 15 (Chief Electoral Officer), less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, to the House.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the election of Members to the House of Commons.

William H. Corbett made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor

Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/23 10:57 a.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 47**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008 referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Inky Mark for Hon. Jay Hill,  
and Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons;

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Inky Mark for Hon. Jay Hill and Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Chair called Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT.

The witnesses answered questions.

Vote 5 (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 5 (House of Commons), less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under PARLIAMENT to the House.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the review of the criteria be referred back to the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Joe Preston moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be directed to examine methods of sanction against Members that transmit confidential documents from House committees to parties for which such documents are not intended, and to examine the capacity of the

Speaker to impose such sanctions that the Committee deems appropriate against offending Members.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/25 3:47 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 48**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

The Clerk made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Clerk made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That draft Standing Orders be prepared regarding the issue of division bells during committee meetings.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the House be invited back to discuss various procedural issues.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/04 11:00 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 49**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond,  
and Paul Szabo for Marcel Proulx.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*  
Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

The Clerk made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Jean-Yves Roy for Michel Guimond and Paul Szabo for Marcel Proulx.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The Clerk made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House, recommending that the Standing Orders be amended by adding the following Standing Order:

115.(5) Notwithstanding Standing Orders 108(1)(a) and 113(5), the Chair of a standing, special, legislative or joint committee shall suspend the meeting when the bells are sounded to call in the Members to a recorded division, unless there is unanimous consent of the members of the committee to continue to sit.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Private Members Business which read as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)(a), the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business agrees that the following item of Private Members' Business should be designated non-votable on the basis that it contravenes the criterion that bills and motions must not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on by the House of Commons in the current session of Parliament.

**C-415** — March 22, 2007 — Mr. Silva (Davenport) — Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities of Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers).

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business which read as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)(a), the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business agrees that the following item of Private Members' Business should be designated non-votable on the basis that it contravenes the criterion that bills and motions must not concern questions that are substantially the same as ones already voted on by the House of Commons in the current session of Parliament.

**M-322** — April 19, 2007 — Mr. Dion (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville) — That, in the opinion of the House, the government should immediately and fully restore the Court Challenges Program to enhance the access that every person in Canada, regardless of wealth, should have to the protection of their Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The question: "That the draft report be adopted" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 1.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/05/15 4:53 p.m.

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Member: Tom Lukiwski.

**Meeting No. 50**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude DeBellefeuille for Michel Guimond,  
and Jean-Yves Laforest for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Claude DeBellefeuille for Michel Guimond and Jean-Yves Laforest for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Clerk Assistant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders, procedure and practice of the House.

The witnesses answered questions.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 31: 31.1(1) Once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker recognize an independent Member. (2) For the purposes of Standing Order 31.1(1), members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 37(1): 37(1.1)(a) Once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 37(1), the Speaker recognize an independent Member. (b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Standing Order, members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

Debate arose thereon.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/05/17 8:19 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 51**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

## ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Marcel Proulx,  
Libby Davies for Yvon Godin,  
Ed Fast for Hon. Jay Hill,  
Jean-Yves Laforest for Michel Guimond,  
Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond,  
Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond,  
Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard,  
and Hon. Gerry Ritz for Scott Reid.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

## WITNESSES:

*House of Commons:*  
Mario Silva, Davenport.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Marcel Proulx, Libby Davies for Yvon Godin, Ed Fast for Hon. Jay Hill, Jean-Yves Laforest for Michel Guimond, Mario Laframboise for Michel Guimond, Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond, Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard and Hon. Gerry Ritz for Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Mario Silva, Davenport.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

Louis Plamondon moved, — That we now proceed to adopt the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Whereupon, Michel Guimond appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

It was agreed, — That on Thursday, May 17, 2007, the Committee consider the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

At 1:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/16 4:53 p.m.

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### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

#### Meeting No. 52

Thursday, May 17, 2007

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#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

#### **ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Libby Davies for Yvon Godin,  
Ken Epp for Scott Reid,  
and Hon. Maria Minna for Marcel Proulx.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukowski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Libby Davies for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Scott Reid and Hon. Maria Minna for Marcel Proulx.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers).

Joe Preston moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers).

Joe Preston moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 1.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 2:16 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 53**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bonnie Brown for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Bonnie Brown for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Marcel Proulx,  
John Maloney for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond,

and Chris Warkentin for Hon. Jay Hill.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Szabo.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

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James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Bonnie Brown for Hon. Stephen Owen, Bonnie Brown for Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Marcel Proulx, John Maloney for Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond and Chris Warkentin for Hon. Jay Hill.

*Other Members present:* Paul Szabo.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92, the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers).

Joe Preston moved, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be concurred in.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negative.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order 92(3)(b), the Committee hereby reports that it does not concur in the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business, and is of the opinion that Bill C-415, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (replacement workers), should remain votable and orders that the Chair report the same to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/05/31 9:48 a.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 54**

**Thursday, May 31, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don H. Bell for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning;  
Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;  
Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services.

*Elections Canada:*  
Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

Peter Van Loan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Marc Mayrand made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Don H. Bell for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning; Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning. *Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Janice Vézina, Senior Director, Election Financing and Corporate Services. *Elections Canada:* Mr. Stephane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

Peter Van Loan made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

Marc Mayrand made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given for the consideration of amendments to Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/01 10:43 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 55**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses be invited to appear on Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans) on June 7, 2007:

Equal Voice

Elections Ontario

Mr. Raymond Garneau

Rt. Hon. Antonio Lamer

Hon. Claire L'Heureux-Dubé.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-54 on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

It was agreed, — That on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Mr. Guimond shall move his motion regarding changes to the Standing Orders.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 14 350, for the period of June 5, 2007 to March 31, 2008 be adopted for the study of Bill C-54.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 31:

31.1(1) Once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker recognize an independent Member.

(2) For the purposes of Standing Order 31.1(1), members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 37(1):

37(1.1)(a) Once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 37(1), the Speaker recognize an independent Members.

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Standing Order, members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

Debate arose thereon.

The witnesses answered questions.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 31:

31.1(1) Only once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 31, the Speaker may recognize one of the independent Members.

(2) For the purposes of Standing Order 31.1(1), members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

That the House of Commons Standing Orders be amended by adding the following after Standing Order 37(1):

37(1.1)(a) Only once a week, pursuant to Standing Order 37(1), the Speaker may recognize one of the independent Members.

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of this Standing Order, members of political parties not officially recognized in the House are not considered independent Members.

It was agreed, — That the motion, as amended, be reported to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 11:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor

Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 9:16 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 56**

**Thursday, June 7, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paule Brunelle for Michel Guimond,  
and Monique Guay for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Elections Ontario:*

Mike Stockfish, Director, Election Finances.

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Paule Brunelle for Michel Guimond and Monique Guay for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Elections Ontario:* Mike Stockfish, Director, Election Finances. *House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Marc Bosc, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:55 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/11 2:51 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 57**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Raymonde Folco for Marcel Proulx.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louise Thibault.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning;  
Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning;  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Raymonde Folco for Marcel Proulx.

*Other Members present:* Louise Thibault.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning; Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning; Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:44 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Stephen Owen moved, — That the Committee postpone the clause by clause study of Bill C-54 until it has heard from representatives from Equal Voice and Financial Institutions, in order to properly assess the Bill's impact on women and other prospective candidates who have financial constraints, particularly for nomination contests.

Debate arose thereon.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "until", and substituting the following, "it has given an opportunity for representatives from Equal Voice, financial institutions, and political parties represented in the House to appear, but that clause-by-clause of Bill C-54 be completed no later than Friday, June 22, and that the Committee agree to meet even if the House has adjourned".

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee postpone the clause by clause study of Bill C-54 until it has given an opportunity for representatives from Equal Voice, financial institutions, and political parties represented in the House to appear, but that clause-by-clause of Bill C-54 be completed no later than Friday, June 22, and that the Committee agree to meet even if the House has adjourned.

It was agreed, — That the list of witnesses for Bill C-54 be submitted to the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed its review of the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 9:44 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 58**

**Thursday, June 14, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Liberal Party of Canada:*

James Carroll, National Director;  
Jack Siegel, Legal Counsel.

*Bloc Québécois:*

Gilbert Gardner, General Director.

*New Democratic Party:*

Éric Hébert-Daly, Federal Secretary.

*Equal Voice:*

Raylene Lang-Dion, National Chair;  
Ann Wicks, Executive Director.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Liberal Party of Canada:* James Carroll, National Director; Jack Siegel, Legal Counsel. *Bloc Québécois:* Gilbert Gardner, General Director. *New Democratic Party:* Éric Hébert-Daly, Federal Secretary. *Equal Voice:* Raylene Lang-Dion, National Chair; Ann Wicks, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Committee all new amendments to Bill C-54 no later than 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-54 on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/14 4:16 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 59**

**Monday, June 18, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bernard Bigras for Pauline Picard,  
Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,

Ken Epp for Tom Lukiwski,  
Peggy Nash for Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman,  
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning;  
Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning;  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Monday, June 18, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Hon. Stephen Owen, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Bernard Bigras for Pauline Picard, Jean-Claude D'Amours for Hon. Lucienne Robillard, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Tom Lukiwski, Peggy Nash for Yvon Godin, Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Karen Redman and Hon. Raymond Simard for Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning; Randall Koops, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning; Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 28, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (accountability with respect to loans).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Clause 1 carried.

Clause 2 carried.

On Clause 3,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 3, be amended

(a) by deleting lines 14 to 21 on page 1;

(b) by replacing lines 22 to 26 on page 1 and lines 1 to 3 on page 2 with the following:

“Act are repealed.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Joe Preston moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 2 with the following:

“rate, the lender’s name and address, the dates and amounts of repayments of principal and payments of interest and, if”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Joe Preston and it was agreed to.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

On Clause 4,

Stephen Owen moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 4, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 2 the following:

“(2) Paragraph 405(1)(c) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(c) \$1,000 in total in any calendar year to the leadership contestants in a particular leadership contest.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Stephen Owen and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

On Clause 5,

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 34 and 35 on page 2 with the following:

“a loan referred to in subsection (1) at a minimum interest rate to be set as the prime bank rate plus 1% or higher.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

Joe Preston moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 41 on page 2 to line 4 on page 3 with the following:

“However, the total of the following amounts shall not at any time exceed the individual’s relevant contribution limit set out in paragraphs 405(1)(a) to (c) and (4)(a) to (c):

(a) the amounts of the individual’s contributions;

(b) the amounts of the individual’s loans made in the relevant contribution period, not including any amount that has been repaid in the calendar year in which the loan was made; and

(c) the amounts guaranteed by the individual in the relevant contribution period, not including any amount for which the individual has ceased to be liable in the calendar year in which the guarantee was given."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Joe Preston and it was agreed to.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 12 and 13 on page 4 with the following:

"or in part, three years after polling day is deemed to be a contribution of the"

Stephen Owen moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting all the words after the words "polling day" and substituting the following:

"in the case of a candidate, the selection day in the case of a nomination contestant, the day of the leadership contest in the case of a leadership contestant, and in the case of a registered party and registered association the day that the amount is due according to the terms of the loan, is deemed to be a contribution of the"

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Stephen Owen and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar, as amended, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the result of the vote on the previous amendment be applied to the following seven (7) amendments which are therefore also adopted:

That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 19 on page 4 with the following:

"unpaid amount that, at the end of the three-year"

(b) by replacing lines 39 and 40 on page 4 with the following:

"Chief Electoral Officer before the end of the three-year period."

(c) by replacing line 12 on page 5 with the following:

"three-year period, the Chief Electoral Officer"

That Bill C-54, in Clause 10, be amended by replacing lines 19 and 20 on page 6 with the following:

"paid within three years after the day on which the leadership contest ends."

That Bill C-54, in Clause 11, be amended

(a) by replacing line 37 on page 6 with the following:

"payment was not made in the three-year"

(b) by replacing line 40 on page 6 with the following:

“loan was not made in the three-year period”

That Bill C-54, in Clause 12, be amended

(a) by replacing line 6 on page 7 with the following:

“ment has not been made in the three-year”

(b) by replacing line 24 on page 7 with the following:

“made in the three-year period referred to in”

That Bill C-54, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 8 with the following:

“section 405.5 must be repaid within three years after polling day.”

That Bill C-54, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 9 with the following:

“loan was not made in the three-year period”

That Bill C-54, in Clause 18, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 9 with the following:

“made in the three-year period mentioned in”

Stephen Owen moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 40 on page 4 the following:

“(3.1) Before a determination is made under subsection (4), an electoral district association, registered party or lender shall be given the opportunity to make representations to the Chief Electoral Officer.”

Lucienne Robillard moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding, in the French version, the words “des élections” after the words “directeur général”.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Lucienne Robillard and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Stephen Owen, as amended, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 4 the following:

“(1.1) An individual may make a maximum contribution that is equal to the aggregate of the contributions that may be made by an individual over three years, and shall have up to three years to claim the contribution as a donation.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Michel Guimond moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 10 on page

5 with the following:

“Officer shall inform the claimant, the candidate's registered association or, if there is no registered association, the registered party of his or her decision.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Paul Dewar moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 10 on page 5 the following:

“(5.1) After polling day,

(a) any surplus of a candidate shall be remitted to the candidate's registered association; and

(b) any remaining debts of a candidate shall be transferred to the candidate's registered association.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Paul Dewar and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 6 and 7 carried severally.

On Clause 8,

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 6 with the following:

“the lender's name and address, the dates and amounts of repayments of principal and payments of interest and, if there is”

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 11, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 12, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 13 carried.

On Clause 14,

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 8 with the following:

“rate, the lender’s name and address, the dates and amounts of repayments of principal and payments of interest, the unpaid principal remaining at the end of each calendar year and, if”

Clause 14, as amended, carried.

Clause 15 carried.

Clause 16, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 17, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 18, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 19 carried.

On Clause 20,

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 20, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 10 with the following:

“lender’s name and address, the dates and amounts of repayments of principal and payments of interest, the unpaid principal remaining at the end of each calendar year and, if there is a”

Clause 20, as amended, carried.

Clause 21 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 22 to 25 inclusive carried.

On Clause 26,

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing line 22 on page 12 with the following:

“rate, the lender’s name and address, the dates and amounts of repayments of principal and payments of interest, the unpaid principal remaining at the end of each calendar year and, if”

Clause 26, as amended, carried.

On Clause 27,

Stephen Owen moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 27, be amended by adding after line 39 on page 12 the following:

“(1.1) Paragraph 497(1)(t) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(t) being an official agent, contravenes subsection 445(1) or (1.1) (failure to pay recoverable claim in timely manner);”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Joe Preston moved, — That Bill C-54, in Clause 27, be amended by replacing lines 40 and 41 on page 12 with the following:

“(2) Paragraphs 497(1)(t) and (u) of the Act are replaced by the following:

(t) being an official agent, contravenes subsection 445(1) or (1.1) (failure to pay recoverable claim or loan in timely manner);”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Joe Preston and it was agreed to.

After debate, Clause 27, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 28 and 29 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill C-54, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-54, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/21 4:05 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 60**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, June 1, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Jay Hill,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Mauril Bélanger for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Robertson, Principal;  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*

David Anderson, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning;  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Jay Hill, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Mauril Bélanger for Hon. Stephen Owen and Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Principal; Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* David Anderson, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning; Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, June 1, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Lucile McGregor  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/19 2:02 p.m.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Gary Goodeyear

#### Meeting No. 61

Monday, September 10, 2007

#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss looking into allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodeyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

#### ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guy Lauzon for Hon. Jay Hill,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Richard Nadeau for Pauline Picard,  
and Pierre Poilievre for Tom Lukiwski.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pat Martin  
and Louise Thibault.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Miriam Burke  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Monday, September 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Guy Lauzon for Hon. Jay Hill, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc for Hon. Stephen Owen, Richard Nadeau for Pauline Picard and Pierre Poilievre for Tom Lukiwski.

*Other Members present:* Pat Martin and Louise Thibault.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss looking into allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

Joe Preston moved, — That the Committee study the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote, and that the study be completed by Friday, September 14, 2007.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed motion.

The Chair ruled the motion in order.

Whereupon, Karen Redman appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Guy Lauzon, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 7; NAYS: Dominic LeBlanc, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 4.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Joe Preston, — That the Committee study the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote, and that the study be completed by Friday, September 14, 2007.

The debate continued.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Guy Lauzon, Dominic LeBlanc, Richard Nadeau, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Scott Reid, Lucienne Robillard — 11; NAYS: — 0.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Committee proceed to the order of business regarding allegations

made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed motion.

The Chair reserved his decision until the next meeting.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the members of this Committee ask Elections Canada to reconsider its decision to allow certain individuals to vote with their face covered.

Debate arose thereon.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “reconsider” with the word “reverse”.

On motion of Pierre Poilievre, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “reconsider” with the word “reverse”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Chief Electoral Officer informing him of the motion.

On motion of Pierre Poilievre, it was agreed, — That in the event that the Chief Electoral Officer reverses his decision on veiled voting, this committee consider its study on the matter cancelled.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adjourn until 3:30 p.m. on September 11, 2007.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned.

Miriam Burke  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/09/19 10:28 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

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**Meeting No. 62**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Omar Alghabra for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Richard Nadeau for Pauline Picard,  
and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pat Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

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Miriam Burke  
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Omar Alghabra for Hon. Stephen Owen, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Richard Nadeau for Pauline Picard and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

*Other Members present:* Pat Martin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Committee proceed to the order of business regarding allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election..

The debate continued.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as it went beyond the Committee's mandate in its specificity and defined terms of reference

Whereupon, Marcel Proulx appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Tom Lukiwski, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Paul Dewar, Michel Guimond, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Committee consider the request signed by four (4) members pursuant to Standing Orders 106(4) before considering any other business.

Debate arose thereon.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words after "That" with the following:

"the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a thorough study of the electoral financing and use of transfers of all parties and their respective local campaigns, including the 1997, 2000, 2004 and 2006 federal campaigns and that this committee report its findings to the House".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pierre Poilievre and it was negative on the following recorded division: YEAS: Tom Lukowski, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Paul Dewar, Michel Guimond, Richard Nadeau, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Committee consider the request signed by four (4) members pursuant to Standing Orders 106(4) before considering any other business.

The debate continued.

At 6:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/09/19 1:41 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
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**Meeting No. 63**

Thursday, September 13, 2007

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Meili Faille for Pauline Picard,  
Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
David J. McGuinty for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Bernard Patry for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. John Godfrey.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer;  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;  
Rennie Molnar, Executive Senior Director, Register and Geography.

*Elections Canada:*

Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

*Canadian Council of Muslim Women:*

Alia Hogben, Executive Director.

*Muslim Canadian Congress:*

Farzana Hassan, President;  
Sohail Raza, Communications Director.

*As Individuals:*

Raheel Raza, Journalist and Author;  
Salim Mansur, Professor of Political Science, University of Western Ontario.

*Présence musulmane Montréal:*

Salah Basalamah, Member.

*Élections Québec:*

Pierre F. Côté, Former Chief Electoral Officer.

*Canadian Coalition for Democracies:*

Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director;  
David Harris, Senior Fellow for National Security.

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James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 63

Thursday, September 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 10:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Meili Faille for Pauline Picard, Hon. John Godfrey for Hon. Lucienne Robillard, David J. McGuinty for Hon. Stephen Owen, Bernard Patry for Hon. Lucienne Robillard and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

*Other Members present:* Hon. John Godfrey.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer; Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Executive Senior Director, Register and Geography. *Elections Canada:* Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate. *Canadian Council of Muslim Women:* Alia Hogben, Executive Director. *Muslim Canadian Congress:* Farzana Hassan, President; Sohail Raza, Communications Director. *As individuals:* Raheel Raza, Journalist and Author; Salim Mansur, Professor of Political Science, University of Western Ontario. *Présence musulmane Montréal:* Salah Basalamah, Member. *Élections Québec:* Pierre F. Côté, Former Chief Electoral Officer. *Canadian Coalition for Democracies:* Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director; David Harris, Senior Fellow for National Security.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the Committee call on the Electoral Officer to use his powers of adaptation to require electors to show their faces before being permitted to vote at voting stations across the country.

Debate arose thereon.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the debate on the motion be adjourned until 1:15 p.m.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 12:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/09/17 1:33 p.m.

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**Meeting No. 64**

**Thursday, September 13, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Meili Faille for Pauline Picard,  
David J. McGuinty for Hon. Stephen Owen,  
Bernard Patry for Hon. Lucienne Robillard,  
and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

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James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, September 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 1:27 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Meili Faille for Pauline Picard, David J. McGuinty for Hon. Stephen Owen, Bernard Patry for Hon. Lucienne Robillard and Pierre Poilievre for Hon. Jay Hill.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to the decision by Elections Canada to allow veiled individuals to vote.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the Committee call on the Electoral Officer to use his powers of adaptation to require electors to show their faces before being permitted to vote at voting stations across the country.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Paul Dewar, Meili Faille, Michel Guimond, Tom Lukiwski, David J. McGuinty, Bernard Patry, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Scott Reid — 11; NAYS: — 0.

At 1:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:48 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That, on behalf of the Committee, the Chair write a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer informing him of the motion agreed to by unanimous consent earlier this day.

At 2:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:18 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Committee undertake a study on allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

Debate arose thereon.

Scott Reid moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all of the words after the word “That” with the following:

“the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a thorough study as to whether, and to what extent, the Conservative Party of Canada and its processors, the Liberal Party of Canada, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party have engaged, in the elections of 1997, 2000, 2004 and 2006,

1) in the practice of transferring funds in the following ways: a) transfers from the national party on national campaign to local campaigns of riding associations; b) transfers from riding associations of local campaigns to the national party on campaigns; c) Transfers between riding associations and local campaigns.

2) the uses of any funds at the level of local campaigns, to pay for advertising that could promote campaigns or candidates in adjoining ridings; or

3) to pay for advertising that could promote the national campaign”.

The Chair ruled the motion in order.

Whereupon, Karen Redman appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Tom Lukiwski, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Paul Dewar, Meili Faille, Michel Guimond, David J. McGuinty, Bernard Patry, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Committee undertake a study on allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

The debate continued.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after “That” with the following:

“the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a thorough study into the Conservative Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party’s use of transfers between the national parties, Electoral District Associations’, and local campaigns to determine if these transactions were sufficiently legitimate and transparent for elections dating back to 1997”.

The Chair ruled the motion in order.

Whereupon, Karen Redman appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Tom Lukiwski, Pierre Poilievre, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Paul Dewar, Meili Faille, Michel Guimond, David J. McGuinty, Bernard Patry, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Committee undertake a study on allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

The debate continued.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing all the words after "That" with the following:

"the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a thorough study of the spending practices of the Conservative Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party during each and every election and by-election since 1997; and that this study include the use of funds transferred "in and out" of national campaigns, local campaigns and riding associations".

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Committee undertake a study on allegations made against the Conservative Party of Canada's systematic attempt to defraud Elections Canada, as well as the Canadian taxpayer, in relation to the 2006 federal election.

The debate continued.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

At 4:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Committee Clerk

2007/09/17 1:41 p.m.

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Clerk of the Committee: James M. Latimer.

**Meeting No. 1**

Thursday, October 25, 2007



**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Pierre Lemieux.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*  
Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Pierre Lemieux.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That Gary Goodyear be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That Michel Guimond be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Gary Goodyear took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the four Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114, provided that the recommendations are unanimous and a copy of the report is signed by all four Whips, or their representatives, and that they present their recommendations directly to the Chair of the Committee for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/10/26 10:30 a.m.



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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp for Tom Lukiwski,  
Meili Faille for Michel Guimond,  
and Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, November 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Epp for Tom Lukiwski, Meili Faille for Michel Guimond and Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Dominic LeBlanc, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Joe Preston, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Lucienne Robillard, it was agreed, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

On motion of Pierre Lemieux, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Ken Epp, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnessses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Yvon Godin moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

Karen Redman moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “in camera meeting”

the following: "and that one member of each Whip's staff be allowed to attend".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Karen Redman and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed on division, — That no notice be required for any substantive motion.

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 91.1(1), Chris Charlton replace Jean Crowder as a member of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Whereupon, Karen Redman appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Epp, Pierre Lemieux, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dominic LeBlanc, Louis Plamondon, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Karen Redman, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses.

The debate continued.

Scott Reid moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the word "illegitimate"; and by replacing all the words after the word "expenses" with the following: "that are alleged not to be in conformity with the expenses limits under the Canada Elections Act".

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Karen Redman, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses.

The debate continued.

Pierre Lemieux moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "2006 election" with the

following: “2004 and 2006 federal elections”; and by replacing all the words after the word “relation” with the following: “and in comparison to the election campaign expenses of the Liberal Party of Canada, and where Elections Canada has refused to reimburse some Conservative candidates for election campaign expenses”.

Debate arose thereon.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/05 3:55 p.m.

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Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, November 13, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,

Colleen Beaumier for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Meili Faille for Michel Guimond,  
and Pierre Poilievre for Pierre Lemieux.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Epp.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin, Colleen Beaumier for Hon. Karen Redman, Meili Faile for Michel Guimond and Pierre Poilievre for Pierre Lemieux.

*Associate Members present:* Ken Epp.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

Karen Redman moved, — That the meeting be televised.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the members submit their lists of potential witnesses for Bill C-16 to the Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. this day.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses.

Debate arose thereon.

Pierre Poilievre moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “2006 election” with the following: “2004 and 2006 federal elections”; and by replacing all the words after the word “relation” with the following: “and in comparison to the election campaign expenses of the Liberal Party of Canada, and where Elections Canada has refused to reimburse some Conservative candidates for election campaign expenses”.

Debate arose thereon.

Joe Preston moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the words “Liberal Party of Canada” the following: “and all other political parties”.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 10:14 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Thursday, November 15, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht for Tom Lukiwski,  
Meili Faille for Pauline Picard,  
David J. McGuire for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*

Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer.

*Elections Canada:*

Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;  
Rennie Molnar, Associate Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Events;  
Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

*New Democratic Party:*

Éric Hébert-Daly, Federal Secretary.

*Liberal Party of Canada:*

Harry Mortimer, Director, Regulatory Compliance and Reporting.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Harold Albrecht for Tom Lukiwski, Meili Faille for Pauline Picard, David J. McGuinty for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer. *Elections Canada:* Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Associate Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Events; Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate. *New Democratic Party:* Éric Hébert-Daly, Federal Secretary. *Liberal Party of Canada:* Harry Mortimer, Director, Regulatory Compliance and Reporting.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:26 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 1:06 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,  
Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Bonnie Brown for Marcel Proulx,  
and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Baptist General Conference of Canada:*

Jamey McDonald, Executive Director.

*Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:*

Doug Cryer, Director, Public Policy.

*The United Church of Canada:*

Rev. Lillian Roberts, Reverend, Ottawa Presbytery.

*Apathy is Boring:*

Ilona Dougherty, Executive Director.

*Fireweed Democracy Project:*

Rick Anderson, representative.

*Bloc Québécois:*

Martin Carpentier, Director;  
Gilbert Gardner, General Director.

*Green Party of Canada:*

Joe Foster, Chair, Federal Council.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukowski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman, Bonnie Brown for Marcel Proulx and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Baptist General Conference of Canada:* Jamey McDonald, Executive Director. *Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:* Doug Cryer, Director, Public Policy. *The United Church of Canada:* Rev. Lillian Roberts, Reverend, Ottawa Presbytery. *Apathy is Boring:* Ilona Dougherty, Executive Director.

*Fireweed Democracy Project:* Rick Anderson, representative. *Bloc Québécois:* Martin Carpentier, Director; Gilbert Gardner, General Director. *Green Party of Canada:* Joe Foster, Chair, Federal Council.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/21 10:45 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, November 22, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,  
Serge Cardin for Pauline Picard,  
Hon. Diane Marleau for Marcel Proulx,  
and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*

Keith Archer, Professor, Political Science, University of Calgary;  
Agnieszka Dobrzynska, Research Associate, Canada Research  
Chair in Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal;  
Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's  
University;  
Peter John Loewen, Research Associate, Canada Research Chair in  
Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin, Serge Cardin for Pauline Picard, Hon. Diane Marleau for Marcel Proulx and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Keith Archer, Professor, Political Science, University of Calgary; Agnieszka Dobrzynska, Research Associate, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal; Ned Franks, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Queen's University; Peter John Loewen, Research Associate, Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies, Université de Montréal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That a Subcommittee on the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons be created; that it be composed of five (5) members, two for the Government party and one (1) from each of the parties in opposition, to be named by the Chair after the usual consultations with the Whips; that a member from the government party be the Chair of the Subcommittee, and that the subcommittee be granted all of the powers of the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) except the power to report directly to the House.

On motion of Lucienne Robillard, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 11,850, for the consideration of Bill C-16, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee consider matters related to Committee business for approximately fifteen minutes at the end of the meeting.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 26, 2007 to consider matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Minister Van Loan be invited to appear on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, from

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in relation to Bill C-6 and from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in relation to Bill C-18.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the additional proposed witnesses to appear on Thursday, November 29, 2007 in relation to its study of Bill C-16.

It was agreed, — That the Committee accept the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada's invitation to an unofficial meet and greet at Elections Canada on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner be invited to meet the Committee informally after its meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2007.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/27 9:10 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 15, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,  
Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning;  
Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin, Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc and Glen Douglas Pearson for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Van Loan, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning; Natasha Kim, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 15, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters).

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee resume sitting in public and be televised.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, November 26, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendation:

That the Committee hold additional meetings beginning on Thursday, November 29, 2007, in relation to the motion of Karen Redman:

- That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses.

At 1:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/28 2:08 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Diane Bourgeois for Michel Guimond,  
Ken Epp for Pierre Lemieux,

and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*  
David Docherty, Dean of Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University;  
Jon Pammett, Professor, Political Science, Carleton University.

*Elections Saskatchewan:*  
Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer;  
David Wilkie, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukowski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Diane Bourgeois for Michel Guimond, Ken Epp for Pierre Lemieux and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

*Associate Members present:* Charlie Angus.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* David Docherty, Dean of Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University; Jon Pammett, Professor, Political Science, Carleton University. *Elections Saskatchewan:* Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer; David Wilkie, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:58 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to Clause by Clause consideration of Bill C-16 on Thursday, December 6, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Committee all of their proposed amendments to Bill C-16 no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Chair invite witnesses on Bills C-6 and C-18 to appear on Tuesday, December 4, 2007; and that the Committee resume consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure following the appearance of the witnesses.

It was agreed, — That the Committee members submit any additional lists of potential witnesses for Bills C-6 and C-18 as soon as possible.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/03 11:27 a.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 15, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters).

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dean Allison for Joe Preston,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Ken Epp for Joe Preston,  
Meili Faille for Michel Guimond,  
and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:*  
Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer.

*Elections Canada:*  
Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel;  
Rennie Molnar, Associate Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Events;  
Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Dean Allison for Joe Preston, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Ken Epp for Joe Preston, Meili Faille for Michel Guimond and Hon. John McCallum for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer. *Elections Canada:* Diane R. Davidson, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Legal Counsel; Rennie Molnar, Associate Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Events; Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Senior General Counsel and Senior Director, Legal Services Directorate.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 15, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Committee resume consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, and when the Committee completes its consideration of the Report, that the Committee proceed immediately to Clause by Clause consideration of Bill C-18.

Debate arose thereon.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the motion be amended to read that the Committee proceed immediately to Clause by Clause consideration of Bill C-18, and that when that is completed, that the Committee resume consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That notwithstanding the Committee's order of Thursday, November 29, 2007, the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Committee all of their proposed amendments to Bill C-16 no later than 5:00 p.m. this day.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/05 6:56 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Thursday, December 6, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,  
and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Privy Council Office:*  
Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning;  
David Anderson, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning;  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning.

*Elections Canada:*  
Michel Roussel, Senior Director, Operations;  
Michèle René de Cotret, General Counsel and Director, Legislative Policy & Analysis.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin and Pierre A. Paquette for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Privy Council Office:* Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning; David Anderson, Senior Policy Advisor, Legislation and House Planning; Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning. *Elections Canada:* Michel Roussel, Senior Director, Operations; Michèle René de Cotret, General Counsel and Director, Legislative Policy & Analysis.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Joe Preston presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business which read as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)(a), the Subcommittee has agreed that Bill C-482, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (Charter of the French Language) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, should be designated as non-votable, on the basis that it contravenes the criterion that Bills and motions must not clearly violate the Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities) and to make a consequential amendment to the Referendum Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Clause 1 carried.

Clause 2 was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Charlie Angus, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre A. Paquette, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

On new Clause 2.1,

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16 be amended by adding after line 9 on page 2 the following new

clause:

“2.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 98:

98.1 The returning officer shall open an office for the revision of the preliminary lists of electors in every post-secondary educational institution in his or her electoral district.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 3,

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 16 and 17 on page 2 with the following:

“polling division for use on polling day.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Whereupon, Pierre A. Paquette appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Charlie Angus, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre A. Paquette, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

Accordingly, after debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pauline Picard and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre A. Paquette, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7; NAYS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

Clause 4 was negated.

On Clause 5,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 11 and 12 on page 3 with the following:

“polling day.”

(b) by deleting lines 23 to 25 on page 3.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Whereupon, Charlie Angus appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukowski, Joe Preston — 3; NAYS: Charlie Angus, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre A. Paquette, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Lucienne Robillard — 7.

Accordingly, debate arose on the amendment of Charlie Angus.

Pierre A. Paquette moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the words "(b) by deleting lines 23 to 25 on page 3."

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Pierre A. Paquette and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 33 on page 3 with the following:

"established by the returning officer,

(ii) the address of each advance polling station,

(iii) the place where the deputy returning officer for each advance polling station is to count the number of votes cast at the advance polling station, and

(iv) the fact that the counting of the votes"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Whereupon, Karen Redman appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned.

Accordingly, the question was put on the motion of Pauline Picard and it was agreed to.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

On new Clause 5.1,

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16 be amended by adding before line 39 on page 3 the following new clause:

"5.1 Section 168 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) The returning officer shall establish an advance polling station in the student residences of every post-secondary educational institution in his or her electoral district."

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

On Clause 6,

Karen Redman moved, — That Bill C-16, be amended by replacing the heading before line 39 on page 3 with the following:

#### ADVANCE POLLING

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it sought to alter a heading, that, as provided on pages 624 and 657 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, is not considered to be part of the bill and therefore cannot be amended.

Clause 6 carried.

On Clause 7,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 4 with the following:

“station at 8:00 p.m. on each of the”

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to on division.

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 7, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 4 with the following:

“on each of the four days of advance polling,”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*.

Whereupon, Charlie Angus appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned.

Accordingly, the question was put on the motion of Pauline Picard and it was agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, carried.

On Clause 8,

Pauline Picard moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 8, be amended by replacing the heading before line 1 and lines 1 to 3 on page 5 with the following:

#### “PILOT PROJECT

176.1 (1) Despite any other provision of this Act, in any by-election held before the fortieth general election, the Chief Electoral Officer may implement a pilot project providing for an additional day of advance polling on the day before polling day.

(2) On the additional day of advance polling referred to in subsection (1), every polling station

established for polling day shall be open as an advance polling station.

(3) Within 90 days after the day on which the pilot project is implemented, the Chief Electoral Officer shall report the results of the pilot project to the House of Commons.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 8 was negated.

On Clause 9,

The Chair ruled that the following amendment was consequential to a previous amendment and therefore it was also adopted:

That Bill C-16, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 8 with the following:

“poll in subparagraph 167.2(a)(iii) to count the”

Clause 9, as amended, carried.

Clause 10 was negated.

On Clause 11,

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That Bill C-16 be amended by deleting Clause 11.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it proposed the deletion of the clause, as provided on page 656 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 11 was negated.

Clause 12 was negated.

On Clause 13,

Pierre A. Paquette moved, — That Bill C-16, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 11 with the following:

“13. This Act comes”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pierre A. Paquette and it was agreed to.

Clause 13, as amended, carried.

On Title,

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That Bill C-16 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (expanded voting opportunities)

The question was put on the amendment of Tom Lukiwski and it was agreed to.

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-16, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/13 2:50 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2007**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,

Hon. Karen Redman,  
Scott Reid  
and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin,  
Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard,  
and Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Coalition for Democracies:*  
Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director.

*Canadian Federation of Students:*  
Ian Boyko, Government Relations Coordinator.

*BC Government and Service Employees' Union:*  
Tina Marie Bradford, Staff Representative.

*British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre:*  
James (Jim) Quail, Executive Director.

*B.C. Civil Liberties Association:*  
Murray Mollard, Executive Director.

*Privy Council Office:*  
Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning;  
Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

*House of Commons:*  
Pauline Picard, Drummond;  
Pierre A. Paquette, House Leader of the Bloc Québécois.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met by videoconference at 11:30 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman, Scott Reid and Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Acting Members present:* Charlie Angus for Yvon Godin, Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard and Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* Canadian Coalition for Democracies: Naresh Raghubeer, Executive Director. Canadian Federation of Students: Ian Boyko, Government Relations Coordinator. BC Government and Service Employees' Union: Tina Marie Bradford, Staff Representative. British Columbia Public Interest Advocacy Centre: James (Jim) Quail, Executive Director. B.C. Civil Liberties Association: Murray Mollard, Executive Director. Privy Council Office: Marc Chénier, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning; Dan McDougall, Director of Operations, Legislation and House Planning. House of Commons: Pauline Picard, Drummond; Pierre A. Paquette, House Leader of the Bloc Québécois.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, immediately following the witnesses' appearance, the Committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence); that, immediately following clause-by-clause consideration, the Committee proceed to the consideration of the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business; and, that the meeting be extended until 1:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 16, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-18, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (verification of residence).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-18, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 17 on page 2 with the following:

“(b) provides as proof of his or her identity and residence a sworn statement in the prescribed form, which shall be made available at all polling places and may be administered by the local deputy returning officer.”

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negative on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus — 1; NAYS: Michel Guimond, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Scott Reid — 9.

Clause 2 carried.

On Clause 3,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-18, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 26 to 42 on page 2 with the following:

“(b) provides as proof of his or her identity and residence a sworn declaration in a prescribed form, which is present at all polling places and may be administered by the local deputy returning officer.”

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negative on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus — 1; NAYS: Michel Guimond, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Scott Reid, Lucienne Robillard — 10.

Clause 3 carried.

On Clause 4,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-18, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 36 on page 3 with the following:

“(b) provides as proof of his or her identity and residence a sworn declaration in a prescribed form, which is present at all polling places and may be administered by the local deputy returning officer.”

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negative on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus — 1; NAYS: Michel Guimond, Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Scott Reid, Lucienne Robillard — 10.

Clause 4 carried.

Clause 5 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(2), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-482, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (Charter of the French Language) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Committee resumed consideration of the First Report from the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business presented on Thursday, December 6, 2007, which read as follows:

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)(a), the Subcommittee has agreed that Bill C-482, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (Charter of the French Language) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, should be designated as non-votable, on the basis that it contravenes the criterion that Bills and motions must not clearly violate the Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/13 2:50 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee commenced consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mervin Tweed.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Francis Scarpaleggia for Hon. Lucienne Robillard.

*Associate Members present:* Mervin Tweed.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(2), the Committee resumed consideration of matters relating to Private Members' Business regarding Bill C-482, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (Charter of the French Language) and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The question: "That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be adopted" was put and was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Lemieux, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 3; NAYS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman, Francis Scarpaleggia — 7.

At 3:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/13 2:51 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Thursday, January 31, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Réal Ménard for Pauline Picard,  
and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Réal Ménard for Pauline Picard and Hon. Geoff Regan for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Sebastian Spano, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendation:

That, effective immediately, the debate on the motion of Karen Redman which reads as follows:

“That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses”,

take priority over the other work of the Committee.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a study of the advertising practices of the Conservative Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Bloc Québécois during the 2000, 2004 and the 2006 federal election campaigns.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/31 2:45 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Catherine Bell for Yvon Godin,  
Chris Charlton for Yvon Godin,  
Meili Faille for Michel Guimond,  
Meili Faille for Pauline Picard,

Monique Guay for Michel Guimond,  
Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond,  
Marcel Lussier for Michel Guimond,  
Marcel Lussier for Pauline Picard,  
Hon. John McCallum for Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Judy Sgro for Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Karen Redman,  
Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Michel Guimond,  
and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Pauline Picard.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Sebastian Spano, Analyst;  
Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Christine Lafrance, Procedural Clerk;  
Lucile McGregor, Procedural Clerk;  
Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Karen Redman, Catherine Bell for Yvon Godin, Chris Charlton for Yvon Godin, Meili Faille for Michel Guimond, Meili Faille for Pauline Picard, Monique Guay for Michel Guimond, Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond, Marcel Lussier for Michel Guimond, Marcel Lussier for Pauline Picard, Hon. John McCallum for Marcel Proulx, Hon. Judy Sgro for Marcel Proulx, Hon. Judy Sgro for Hon. Karen Redman, Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Michel Guimond and Ève-Mary Thaï Thi Lac for Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Sebastian Spano, Analyst; Mathieu Stanton, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Christine Lafrance, Procedural Clerk; Lucile McGregor, Procedural Clerk; Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendation:

That, effectively immediately, the debate on the motion of Karen Redman which reads as follows:

“That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election, in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses”,

take priority over the other work of the Committee.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs conduct a study of the advertising practices of the Conservative Party of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Bloc Québécois during the 2000, 2004 and the 2006 federal election campaigns.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 2:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:59 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:34 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), the sitting was suspended.

At 11:01 a.m., on Thursday, February 7, 2008, the sitting resumed.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 2:28 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond,  
Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond,  
Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard,  
Bill Siksay for Yvon Godin,  
and Mario Silva for Hon. Karen Redman.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Marlene Jennings, Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond, Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond, Louis Plamondon for Pauline Picard, Bill Siksay for Yvon Godin and Mario Silva for Hon. Karen Redman.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

Marlene Jennings moved, — That the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be now concurred in.

Debate arose thereon.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/13 2:24 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Chair: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Thursday, February 14, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, February 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Mathieu Stanton, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pierre Lemieux moved, — That the Committee move immediately to the study of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters).

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/15 10:05 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Member: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Thursday, February 28, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider holding additional meetings, every Wednesday, when the House is in session commencing February 27, 2008, in order to hear from individuals concerning the Conservative Party of Canada's 2006 election campaign expenses commencing with the following: a) Mr. Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer, b) Gary Caldwell, former Conservative candidate in Compton Stanstead, c) Liberato Martelli, former Conservative candidate in Bourassa.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond,

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
and David J. McGuinty for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Bachand for Michel Guimond, Hon. Lawrence MacAulay for Hon. Marlène Jennings and David J. McGuinty for Hon. Marlène Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss their request to consider holding additional meetings, every Wednesday, when the House is in session commencing February 27, 2008, in order to hear from individuals concerning the Conservative Party of Canada's 2006 election campaign expenses commencing with the following: a) Mr. Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer, b) Gary Caldwell, former Conservative candidate in Compton Stanstead, c) Liberato Martelli, former Conservative candidate in Bourassa.

Karen Redman moved, — That the Committee hold additional meetings, every Wednesday, when the House is in session commencing February 27, 2008, in order to hear from individuals concerning the Conservative Party of Canada's 2006 election campaign expenses commencing with the following: a) Mr. Marc Mayrand, Chief Electoral Officer, b) Gary Caldwell, former Conservative candidate in Compton Stanstead, c) Liberato Martelli, former Conservative candidate in Bourassa.

Debate arose thereon.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/28 2:19 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Member: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss whether or not they will proceed to the consideration of C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters) at the following meeting of the committee, and what witnesses, budget and meeting allocations will be required to complete such a study.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin,  
Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond,

Marc Lemay for Pauline Picard,  
and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Paul Dewar for Yvon Godin, Marc Lemay for Michel Guimond, Marc Lemay for Pauline Picard and Louis Plamondon for Michel Guimond.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to discuss whether or not they will proceed to the consideration of C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters) at the following meeting of the committee, and what witnesses, budget and meeting allocations will be required to complete such a study.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (visual identification of voters) at its next regularly scheduled meeting, including what witnesses, budget and meeting allocations will be required to complete such a study.

Debate arose thereon.

Marlene Jennings moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “(visual identification of voters)” and replacing it with the following: “and that the above mentioned study commence at the meeting of the Committee immediately following the Committee’s completion of its investigation of the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses and the tabling in the House of the Committee’s report”.

The Chair ruled the amendment inadmissible.

### RULING BY THE CHAIR

The amendment is beyond the scope of the initial motion.

Whereupon, Michel Guimond appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4; NAYS: Larry Bagnell, Paul Dewar, Michel Guimond, Marlene Jennings, Pauline Picard, Marcel

Proulx, Karen Redman — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Marlene Jennings, — That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “(visual identification of voters)” and replacing it with the following: “and that the above mentioned study commence at the meeting of the Committee immediately following the Committee's completion of its investigation of the actions of the Conservative Party of Canada during the 2006 election in relation to which Elections Canada has refused to reimburse Conservative candidates for illegitimate election campaign expenses and the tabling in the House of the Committee's report”.

The debate continued.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 12:59 p.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE  
AFFAIRS**

Member: Gary Goodyear.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Thursday, March 6, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to allow Committee Members to express their lack of confidence in the Chair.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Yvon Godin,  
Gary Goodyear,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Hon. Dominic LeBlanc,  
Pierre Lemieux,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Pauline Picard,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx,  
Hon. Karen Redman  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*  
Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Gary Goodyear, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Yvon Godin, Gary Goodyear, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Pauline Picard, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx, Hon. Karen Redman and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Angela Crandall, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the request by four (4) members of the Committee to allow Committee Members to express their lack of confidence in the Chair.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the Chair no longer has the confidence of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, and, as a result, that we proceed immediately to the election of a new Chair.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Marlene Jennings, Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman — 7; NAYS: Pierre Lemieux, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Scott Reid — 4.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Michel Guimond moved, — That Joe Preston be elected Chair of the Committee.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Marlene Jennings, Dominic LeBlanc, Pauline Picard, Marcel Proulx, Karen Redman — 7; NAYS: — 0.

Joe Preston took the Chair.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 12:59 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
40th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS**

Clerk of the Committee: James M. Latimer.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2008**



**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht,  
Kelly Block,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Claude DeBellefeuille,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*House of Commons:*

Joann Garbig, Procedural Clerk.

*Library of Parliament:*

Michel Bédard, Analyst;

Karine Richer, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 104(1).

*Members of the Committee present:* Harold Albrecht, Kelly Block, Rodger Cuzner, Claude DeBellefeuille, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Guy Lauzon, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Procedural Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Tom Lukiwski, it was agreed, — That Joe Preston be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That Marcel Proulx be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That Michel Guimond be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Joe Preston took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Marlene Jennings, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Claude DeBellefeuille, it was agreed, — That the four (4) Whips be delegated the authority to act as the striking committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114, and that they be authorized to present directly to the Chair, in a report signed by all four (4) Whips, or their representatives, their unanimous recommendations for presentation to the House, on behalf of the Committee.

On motion of Marcel Proulx, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 91.1(1), the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business be composed of one (1) member from each recognized

party and a Chair from the government party; and

That Harold Albrecht be appointed Chair of the Subcommittee.

Marlene Jennings moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

Debate arose thereon.

Scott Reid moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting the word “and” after the words “Vice-Chairs”; and, by adding after the words “opposition party” the following: “and one government member”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Scott Reid and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party and one government member.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

Debate arose thereon.

Tom Lukiwski moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “opposition” the words “and a member of the government”.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Tom Lukiwski and it was negatived.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Marcel Proulx, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

The debate continued.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnessses not exceeding one (1) representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

Marcel Proulx moved, — That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the

members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly prior to appearing before the Committee.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Yvon Godin, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

Scott Reid moved, — That 48 hours notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with and distributed by the Clerk.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meet on Thursday, November 27, 2008 at 11:00 to consider matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Scott Reid, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/11/26 5:10 p.m.





HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA  
40th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS**

Chair: Joe Preston.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to its order of reference of Monday, November 24, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2008-2009: Vote 5b (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht,  
Kelly Block,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Claude DeBellefeuille,  
Yvon Godin,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Tom Lukowski,  
Joe Preston,  
Marcel Proulx  
and Scott Reid.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Karine Richer, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker;

**WITNESSES:**

*House of Commons:*

Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons;  
Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer;  
Claire Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer.

Louis Bard made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Claire Kennedy made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee


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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Joe Preston, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Harold Albrecht, Kelly Block, Rodger Cuzner, Claude DeBellefeuille, Yvon Godin, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlene Jennings, Guy Lauzon, Tom Lukowski, Joe Preston, Marcel Proulx and Scott Reid.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker.

*Witnesses: House of Commons:* Audrey O'Brien, Clerk of the House of Commons; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer; Claire Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 27, 2008, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

That, pursuant to its order of reference of Monday, November 24, 2008, the Committee study the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2008-2009: Vote 5b (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT;

and, that in relation to this study, the Committee invite the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House to appear before the Committee.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee undertake a study of matters related to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons;

and, that in relation to this study, the Committee invite the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner to appear as soon as possible.

That the Committee ask the Chief Electoral Officer when the Committee can expect to receive his reports pursuant to section 534 and 535 of the Canada Elections Act.

That the Committee send a letter to James Robertson, former analyst of the Committee, congratulating him on his promotion and thanking him for his years of service to the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:17 a.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Pursuant to its order of reference of Monday, November 24, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of Supplementary Estimates (B) 2008-2009: Vote 5b (House of Commons) under PARLIAMENT.

Hon. Peter Milliken and Audrey O'Brien made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the following witness: Louis Bard appear before the Committee.

Louis Bard made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the following witness: Claire Kennedy appear before the Committee.

Claire Kennedy made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Harold Albrecht, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/12/03 1:07 p.m.



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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS**

Chair: Joe Preston.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, December 4, 2008**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Harold Albrecht,  
Kelly Block,  
Rodger Cuzner,  
Claude DeBellefeuille,  
Michel Guimond,  
Hon. Marlene Jennings,  
Guy Lauzon,  
Tom Lukiwski,  
Joe Preston  
and Marcel Proulx.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alexandra Mendes for Rodger Cuzner,  
and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Marlene Jennings.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Michel Bédard, Analyst;  
Karine Richer, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner:*

Mary Elizabeth Dawson, Commissioner;  
Catherine MacQuarrie, Assistant Commissioner, Policy & Communications;  
Gail Lidstone, Manager, Advisory & Compliance.

Mary Dawson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, December 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Joe Preston, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Harold Albrecht, Kelly Block, Rodger Cuzner, Claude DeBellefeuille, Michel Guimond, Hon. Marlène Jennings, Guy Lauzon, Tom Lukiwski, Joe Preston and Marcel Proulx.

*Acting Members present:* Alexandra Mendes for Rodger Cuzner and Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Marlène Jennings.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Michel Bédard, Analyst; Karine Richer, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner:* Mary Elizabeth Dawson, Commissioner; Catherine MacQuarrie, Assistant Commissioner, Policy & Communications; Gail Lidstone, Manager, Advisory & Compliance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(viii), the Committee commenced consideration of matters related to the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons.

Mary Dawson made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Section 30(2) of the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons, the Committee report to the House, recommending that the draft disclosure forms, presented by the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner, be approved.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Michel Guimond, it was agreed, — That the photographer accompanying Mr. Guimond, be allowed to take pictures during the meeting.

Kelly Block moved, — That a Subcommittee on the Conflict of Interest Code for the Members of the House of Commons be created to study the issue of gifts.

Debate arose thereon.

Michel Guimond moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “gifts” the following: “and that the Subcommittee be composed of a Member of each party following the usual consultations with the Whips”.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the word “party” the following: “and that the Subcommittee report to the Committee no later than June 1, 2009.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Michel Guimond, as amended, and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That a Subcommittee on the Conflict of Interest Code for the Members of the House of Commons be created to study the issue of gifts; that the Subcommittee be composed of a Member of each party, following the usual consultations with the Whips; and that the Subcommittee report to the Committee no later than June 1, 2009.

On motion of Kelly Block, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Committee

2008/12/09 10:01 a.m.

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